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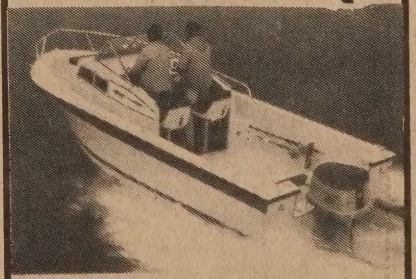

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Salt Water Fishing Contest

★ MAY CONTEST RESULTS ★

CLUB NAME	SURF BASS	SURF BLUES	SURF WEAKS	BOAT BASS	BOAT BLUES	BOAT WEAKS	TOTAL POINTS
MASS.							
Cape Cod Salties		42		393	83		518
Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club	30		12	258			300
Linesiders Bass Club				270		10	280
RHODE ISLAND							
Woonsocket Striper Club	600		166	67	9	9	851
The Johah's	464			222	12	36	734
Ocean State Striper Club	524			93		8	625
VFW Post Fishing Club	206			95		7	308
Narragansett Pier Sportfishing Assoc.				285	5	17	307
East Bay Anglers				218	9	30	257
The Riverside Sport Fishing Club				98	9	31	138
CONN.							
Connecticut River Striped Bass Club	82		14	48		66	210
Westport Striped Bass Club	32		16				48
Milford Striped Bass Club	38					11	49
Stratford Boat Owners				42			42
NEW YORK							
Kings Bay Striper Club	86	174	98	253	115	86	812
Long Island Striper Club	530		72				602
Long Beach Striped Bass Club	458			71	8	43	580
Empire Striper Assoc.	476					79	555
Patchogue Fishing Club	220	70	70			83	443
Beach Comber Surf & Fun Club	320		28		6		354
Hampton's Surf Club	72		186	30	20	24	332
North Shore Anglers				249		77	326
Huntington Anglers			12	196		93	301
Striper Surf Club	254						254
Eastern Anglers				28	119	74	221
Staten Island Surf Club	182						182
Manhasset Bay Sportsmen Club				86	10	78	174
Skunked Again Fishing Assoc.	64					33	97
Great South Bay Anglers					15	81	96
Babylon Tuna Club						88	88
Fishing Bugs of Brooklyn						68	68
Mill River Rod & Gun Club				29		37	66
Farragut Striper Club			34			23	57
New Anglers of Long Beach						40	40
Surf & Sea Anglers						23	23
Sound & Surf Fishing Club			12				12
Sheepshead Bay H.S. Fishing Club						6	6
PENN.							
Delaware Valley Surf Anglers						85	85
No Philadelphia Surf Fishing Club			22				22
NEW JERSEY							
Berkeley Striper Club	786					101	887
Asbury Park Fishing Club	578		10		85	77	750
Hudson River Fishermens Assoc.			14	62		84	160
Nor-East Striper Club	30					76	106

THE TOP TEN

	CLUB NAME	STATE	TOTAL POINTS
1.	Berkeley Striper Club	New Jersey	887
2.	Woonsocket Striper Club	Rhode Island	851
3.	Kings Bay Striper Club	New York	812
4.	Asbury Park Fishing Club	New Jersey	750
5.	The Jonah's	Rhode Island	734
6.	Ocean State Striper Club	Rhode Island	625
7.	Long Island Striper Club	New York	602
8.	Long Beach Striped Bass Club	New York	580
9.	Empire Striper Assoc.	New York	555
10.	Cape Cod Salties	Mass.	518

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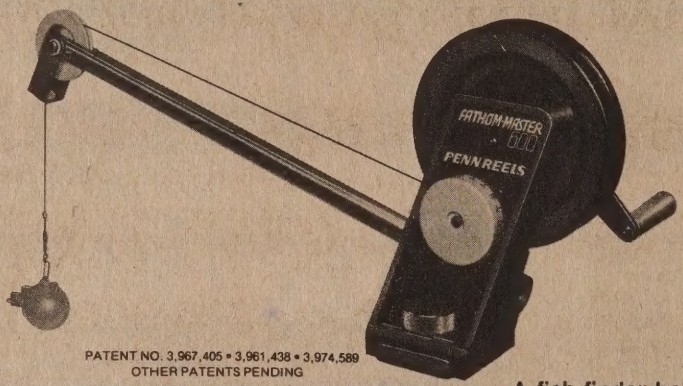

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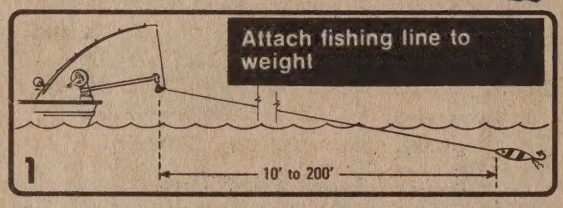

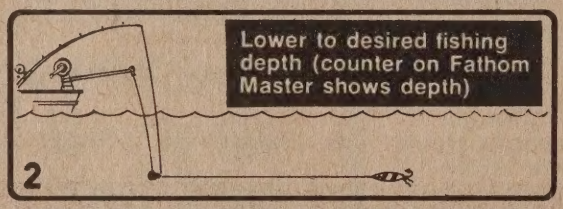

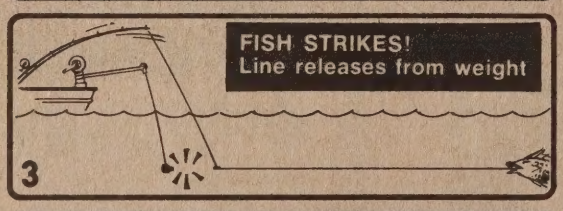

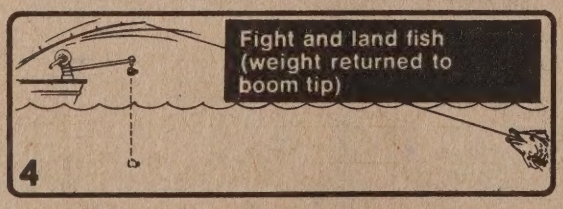

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SAFE BOATING DEMO AT HEMPSTEAD HARBOR

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is sponsoring a safe boating demonstration in Hempstead Harbor, Saturday, July 2nd. Flotilla 12-8 asks for your cooperation in our effort to inform the public of this event. We thank you for using the contents of the following release:

"The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is sponsoring a safe boating demonstration, Saturday, July 2nd at Tappan Beach in Hempstead Harbor. Assisting the Auxiliary with the displays and on-water demonstrations are the Nassau County Police, Glenwood and Sea Cliff Fire Departments, Town of Oyster Bay, Town of North Hempstead, American Red Cross, and the Manhasset Bay Power Squadron. The event is free, and will take place from 11 AM until 2 PM."

TOWN OFFERS BASIC BOATING COURSE

The Town of Hempstead Department of Parks and Recreation will offer an American Red Cross course this summer in basic rowboating, sailing, and water safety for youngsters, ages 8 years and older.

The classes will be offered on Mondays and Wednesdays, or Tuesdays and Thursdays, with separate one-hour classes conducted at 10:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 12:00 Noon; 2:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. The instructions are given at the beautiful boat basin at Seamans Neck Park in Seaford.

Registration for the July session will be held between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at the boat basin beginning Friday, June 24th and will continue every day until classes are filled. The July session will begin on Monday, June 27th.

Proof of residency will be required at the time of registration. It is mandatory that the registrant pass a preliminary swim test before the first class.

A basic boating session will also be held in August, beginning on July 25th, with registration to begin on Friday, July 22nd.

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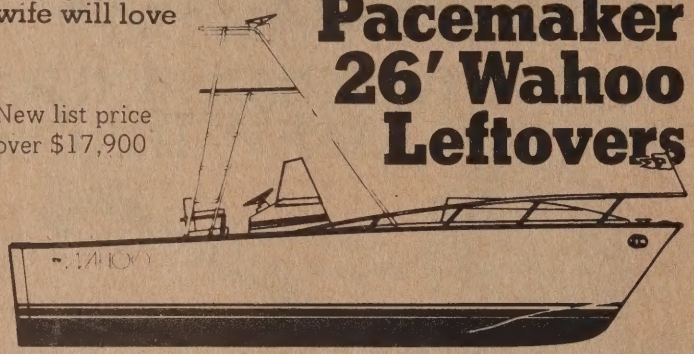

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Topics:

June 25: Bay Fishing for "Weaks" and "Kings."

July 2: "Pest" fish and what you should know about them.

July 9: Natural marine baits—Part I.

July 16: Natural marine baits—Part ii.

The clinics are conducted by Chester Zawacki, Aquatic Biologist with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

CLUB NEWS

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A full program of events, including a gala buffet have been scheduled for this three-day tournament. Prizes include a $1000 cash prize for the heaviest swordfish of the tournament, a $250 cash prize for the winning crew, plus many other trophies, prizes, and awards for the second and third place fish, ladies' trophies, team awards, etc.

The Deep Sea Yacht & Racquet Club on Star Island in Montauk will serve as the tournament headquarters and official weigh-in station for this event. However, participants may fish from any marine of their choice in Montauk. For further info call: 516-668-2166.

CHOPPER ROUND-UP

The Amity Harbor Fishing Club's 6th Annual Bluefish Tournament "Chopper Round-Up" will be held on Saturday, July 16, 1977 (rain date July 17th). We invite individual and club entries—both male and female.

All fish weighed in are to be selected by the respective boat crews. Entry fee - $10 per boat PLUS $6 per angler. Club team entry - $20 per team, PLUS $6 per angler.

Teams cannot exceed four boats. Clubs may enter more than one team, however, they must fish as separate, predesignated teams.

As we have done for the past three years, we are again stimulating boat entries with all-lady anglers. Male captains and mates can be aboard to handle mundane operational matters, but CANNOT fish. The entry fee is $10 per boat and $6 per lady angler. No charge for the non-fishing Captain and Mate. Each year has seen this aspect of the tournament grow. All lady anglers of the boat with the 10 heaviest fish will be awarded a trophy for their participation and the Captain and Mate of said boat will also be awarded a memento.

NOTE: For ladies to be eligible in the For Women Only category, they must fish on a boat with all women anglers, with a male Captain and Mate.

The Captains' Meeting, just prior to the tournament, will be held on Thursday, July 14, 1977. The meeting place—same as last year's: Amity Harbor Civic Association Building, 100 Western Concourse, Amity Harbor, Amityville, New York.

The meeting will start promptly at 8:30 P.M. Tournament emblems, patches, and boat number will be distributed to all registrants. In addition, any questions will be answered, refreshments will be served, and special surprises await all.

. . PATCHOGUE FISHING CLUB SURF TOURNY RESULTS

The Patchogue Fishing Club held a Surf Fishing Tournament at Moriches Inlet, Sunday June 5th from 4 AM to 4 PM. A total of 31 small blues were caught between 17 members. George Dietz placed first, with a 3 lb. 13 oz. fish and Ray Terman - 5 lbs. 5 oz., and third, Paul Erny, three pounds even. No stripers were caught.

HI & DRY FISHING CLUB SURFCASTING TOURNEY

The High & Dry Fishing Club held a Surfcasting contest for weakfish at Shelter Island Memorial Day Weekend. The results were as follows:

1st Place: A tie between husband and wife:

6 lb. 4 oz. weakfish—Jack Hasselbring, Jr.

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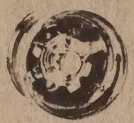
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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TOURNY REPORTED BY OAKDALE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

Results are in from the Oakdale Sportsmen's Club Shark Tournament, held June 12th. Ten boats participated in this annual event, where three out of 68 blue sharks were brought back for weighing; the rest were tagged and released. The largest, weighing 144 lbs., was caught by Pat Brennan on Dr. Jim Schaefer's EQUINAL. Highest points for the day went to Capt. Ray Schmidt's WIDE OPEN II, with second boat designation going to the KAMASU; third went to the EQUINAL. These three now qualify for the Bay Shore Mako Tournament, scheduled for the end of June.

MORICHES ANGLERS 3RD ANNUAL SHARK TOURNAMENT

The Moriches Anglers Third Annual Shark Tournament was held on June 12, 1977 from 6 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sixty-five boats and approximately 313 anglers participated in this event. Sixty-three sharks were weiged in at the Shore Line Marina, and around 300 were caught and released.

First prize of $1300 went to Ray Giardinello for a Threasher shark, weighing 196½ lbs, taken on Captain Paul Markland's boat, MY THREE SONS. Second prize of $780 to Bob McGovern for a blue shark, 183½ lbs., on his boat REEL HAPPY. Third prize of $520 for a 146½ lb. blue shark to Ken Rogers, on Capt. McGovern's boat; fourth prize went to Jack McGovern for a 140 lb. blue shark, also on Bob McGovern's boat. McGovern's Boat.

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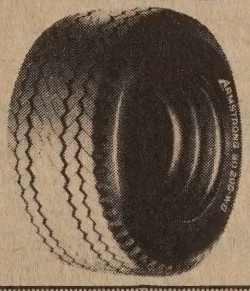

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CONSERVATION COMMENTS *by Al Ristori*

The first seizure under the 200 Mile Limit law was settled in court on May 2nd. The Soviet stern trawler **Taras Shevchenko** had been boarded by the Coast Guard on April 9th, and found in possession of more than the allowable by-catch of river herring. Civil charges were settled with a fine of $240,000 and forfeiture of the seized fish. The Master, Aleksandr Gupalov, pleaded guilty to criminal charges and was fined $10,000, plus being sentenced to nine months in jail. However, the jail term was suspended and Gupalov was placed on one year's probation. The logs of the **Taras Shevchenko** indicated that it had transferred still additional river herring to the Soviet transport **Antanas Snechkus** on March 28th-29th: that transport was also escorted into Boston, and 16 tons of river herring were confiscated. No further action was taken against the **Snechkus**. Since this firm action on the part of the United States in enforcing its 200 Mile Limit, the incidence of even minor violations has markedly decreased!

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The Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council has appointed a large Advisory Panel from which specific advisory groups will be formed to work on various management plans. Sport fishing interests are well represented in this group. Among the familiar names are **Fisherman** Editors Doc Muller and Pete Barrett; Mike Zicarelli (**Anglers News**), Bob Duffy (Newark Star-Ledger); Herb Blackwell (President, New Jersey Outdoor Writers Assn.); Bill Backus (Elizabeth Daily Journal); Hank Schaefer (N. J. Fisherman columnist); party boat skippers Howard Bogan (Brielle) and Paul Forsberg (Montauk); charter captain Dave Bramhall (Brielle); retailers Chester Podd (Belmar) and Joe Julian (Atlantic Highlands); Lou Rodia (Cape May publicist and outdoor writer); John Brown (Ocean City, N.J. leader in the 200 Mile battle); Bob Lick (President, N. J. Beach Buggy Assn.); Derry Bennett (Executive Director, American Littoral Society); John Murray, Jr. (sport fisherman, Brielle); Sigmund Kislowski (President, Asbury Park Fishing Club), and Jack Casey, famous shark expert from the Narragansett Marine Lab. Several other familiar names have been asked to serve, but hadn't accepted at the time this was being written. The Council's first priority is the mackerel plan and an advisory panel for that plan will be formed shortly.

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The FDA proposal to lower the five parts per million limit of PCBs to two ppm, has caused quite a bit of concern among those involved in the sport fishing industry. The effect could be especially serious in New York, as last year's testing indicates that most striped bass and large bluefish would be over the two ppm level. If the FDA lowers the limit, and finds many individuals of certain species in a given area exceedir the limit, it will likely ban the intersta shipment of those fish. If individu states don't take similar action, the fi in question could still be sold within t state.

Though rod and reel fishermen wh sell their catches may be adverse affected by the limiting of the market f striped bass and bluefish, it's the sid effects that could be most serious for th industry. The FDA will, undoubtedl warn the public that fish containing ov two ppm are dangerous, and should b avoided. Even if this doesn't serve goad the individual states into takir similar action, it will surely caus concern among the fishing public. Aft all, how many people are going to p down $150 or more, for a charter to cat "tainted" fish?

A small sample of the effect of even casual remark about fish being unfit eat occurred in Cape May last year. A offhand remark by a Federal official the effect that he wouldn't eat bluefis because of the kepone contaminatio problem in the James River area Virginia, created a panic in Sout Jersey. Charters were abruptly ca celled and much of the fleet sat dockside during the peak of the seaso This, despite the fact that the testin done by the State of New Jersey has n revealed any kepone contamination fro bluefish (or other species) sampled fro that State's waters.

If, indeed, there was a clear an present danger to human health, no or would argue with the lowering of th allowable PCB limit. However, there no scientific evidence that will suppo any allowable limit—no matter how hig or low. We know that PCBs are high toxic, but whether the tiny proportion found in fish flesh will have any effect o human beings at all, is debatable. Th FDA concedes that there has been n incident of anyone having been affecte by PCBs in fish in this country: a incident in Japan involved an industri discharge and extremely high concen trations of PCBs. The primary purpose the FDA move appears to be a respons to lawsuits instituted by environment groups calling for a total ban on fish wit any trace of PCBs.

At its recent meeting in Colorad Springs, the American Fishing Tack Manufacturers Association took a stan against the FDA action. The influenti Sport Fishing Institute also is workin against the new limit, basing it opposition primarily on scientifi grounds. Present testing is done o whole fish, rather than just edible part Furthermore, FDA concedes that cook ing decreases the PCB concentration More on this in future column!

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Fish Talk
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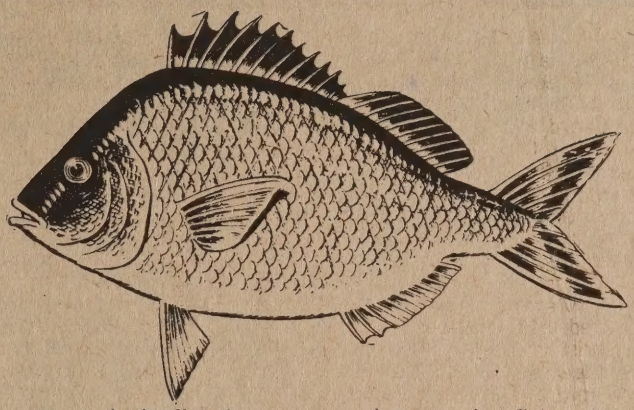
PORGY
Stenotomus chrysops
★PART ONE★



PORGIES ARE ONE OF THE CLOWNS of the coastal ocean. More than one neophyte angler has felt cause to give a chuckle the first time they saw a porgy. That hatchet shaped body and those bulging eyes, seem to accentuate the meaning of those pouting lips. The northern porgy, **Stenotomus chrysops**, is a deep-bodied creature with a short snout. They have small mouths, a steep forehead, and the head is slightly concave.

EVER TRY TO SCALE A PORGY? Don't let them dry out whatever you do, because a dry porgy is virtually unscalable! The scales are thick, large, and firmly attached. The dorsal fin spines will get you if the scales don't. The dorsal fin consists of twelve spines and twelve rays. The spines are very sharp and have inflicted puncture wounds on more than one fisherman.

THE PORGY IS AN IMPORTANT COMMERCIAL FISH! The commercial catch is very large: usually over 6,000,000 pounds annually in New England waters, and may equal or exceed this number in the middle Atlantic States commercial catch. Most of the commercial take is made by United States draggers. They work the shallows when the porgies migrate into our bays and sounds to spawn in the Spring and Summer. The price for porgies may vary drastically; usually the price is quite high. However, when the fish are migrating over shallow, even bottom, the draggers take tremendous hauls and the price drops dramatically. For much of the late Spring and Summer, the porgies feed over rugged bottom, and most of the fish that are shipped to market, are taken by hook and line commercials.

THE PORGY HAS A LARGE RANGE. The fish are taken from Cape Cod south to North Carolina. In southern waters, the porgies arrive in early April, while further north they may not move inshore until the middle or the end of May.

PORGIES HOLD A WINTER CONVENTION! It is now quite clear that porgies do not migrate north and south, as many fishermen have believed for many decades. Instead, the wintering grounds are south-southeast of New York Bight. The northern contingent of the species migrates south and east into about fifty to fifty-five fathoms of water on the Continental Shelf. The southern specimens migrate north and east, and wind up in the same place. This is the same "window" where seabass and fluke congregate for the winter. Boy, oh boy, that piece of bottom must be very crowded.

IS A PORGY A VERSICOLOR OR A CHRYSOPS??? In the waters from New York to Massachusetts, many authors list the porgy as **Stenotomus chrysops**, while in other areas, it is listed as **Stenotomus versicolor**.

MOTHER OF PEARL! That's the only way I know to accurately describe the color of a porgy. The total effect is that of the inside of an oyster shell. Upon closer examination, however, much more detail can be identified. The dorsal surface may appear dark grey, with tones of blue, green, and pink. The belly is white, and the sides are a silvery pearlescent. There are twelve to fifteen indistinct horizontal stripes. These stripes are more apparent after the fish have been out of the water for a while, or when they are feeding over dark bottoms. The fins are frequently flecked with pink and blue.

WHAT IS A SAND PORGY? They are simply the small stages of a porgy. These juveniles swarm into warm summer bay waters, and usually feed on small crustaceans and other invertebrates that live in and on the sand. Here, these half-pound fish can, at times, be taken by the hundreds in one tide. Meanwhile, the big brothers and sisters of these sand porgies take up residence in cooler, deeper waters.

THE AVERAGE SIZE is ten to twelve inches, but some specimens grow to more than sixteen inches, and more than four pounds!

PORGIES HAVE A VARIED DIET! Most of the porgies' food is taken from the bottom, although they will chase small fish and squids when they are abundant. The vast majority of their diet, however, consists of crustaceans, worms, small shellfish, and other mollusks.

IT IS BELIEVED that spawning takes place between May and August; however, most recent evidence suggests that the vast majority of the spawning is over before the First of June. By the time migration begins in late October or early November, the young of the year are about four inches long. The porgy clan feeds very little during the winter and, thus, they grow very little between November and March. By the end of the second year, the fish will be about six-and-one-half to seven inches long. By the end of the fourth year, the porgies will be nine to ten inches, and after the fifth year, they will be ten to twelve inches and weigh about a pound to a pound-and-a-half.

PORGIES ARE VERY SENSITIVE TO FLUCTUATIONS IN WATER TEMPERTURES! During the winter, they will seek out deep bottom water that is about 45 degrees Fahrenheit. In Summer, they will be found in water that is between sixty-five and seventy degrees. Storms will not usually chase the porgy out of our bays and sounds. The migration is usually triggered by the first surge of cold Fall air. Therefore, during mild Autumn, the porgy may be taken well into November; while in chilly years, they will leave the shallows as early as late September.

PORGIES ARE FUN TO CATCH. Many anglers prefer to catch these spunky little fish. Many party boats specialize in porgies for the better part of the season, and have no want for fares. The response of anglers to the porgy can be explained in several ways. First, fishermen who seek the porgy usually come home with a bushel, or a sack full of these fish. Second, they are very good table fare. The meat is flaky and firm, and most of it is white meat. There is a band of slightly strong dark meat that runs from the head to the tail; it is most pronounced in the larger fish. Porgies may be baked, fried, or broiled. The flesh freezes well, and they can be kept in good condition in the home freezer for several months, if they are wrapped carefully. Many more people catch porgies than eat them, simply because they are difficult to clean. Some fishermen get around the problem by cleaning them quickly. They do not bother to scale them. Instead, they skin them and then they snip off the fins with a scissors.

Next. Time with the porgy: Scott Simons lament or ..."**IF ONLY PORGIES GREW TO BE TWENTY POUNDS ...**"

THE CAST NET

by Capt. Charlie Soares

Until a recent revival by sport fishermen, the cast net had been solely a primitive tool of island natives that provided them with bait and food. To the best of my knowledge, it was a Florida sport fisherman who learned the art of it and began to use a cast net to take mullet and other bait fish. As with any innovation, it began to catch on with other fishermen and its use spread slowly into our area. The high mortality rate of a snagged 'pogy' as opposed to one taken in a cast net is only one of the benefits of owning and employing a cast net as an integral part of your fishing equipment. There are several sizes and several types of materials employed in cast nets, but in this article I will confine discussion to the mono cast net ranging from 5 to 7 feet.

I can vividly recall dodging leaded trebles in crowded Padanaram Harbor some mornings...and struggling for over 4 hours snagging pogys for a trip to the islands. When one or two good casts with a cast net can put about 40 or 50 baits in your tank in a matter of minutes, especially in the early morning darkness, and allow you much more time to spend in fishing rather than chasing bait, you soon become a believer. While giving a slide show at a local bass club this winter, several fellows mentioned that they had purchased mono cast nets because of the many word-of-mouth tales of their success but hadn't any luck in learning to use them. This, and the fact that I had found myself getting bait for the whole fleet several mornings

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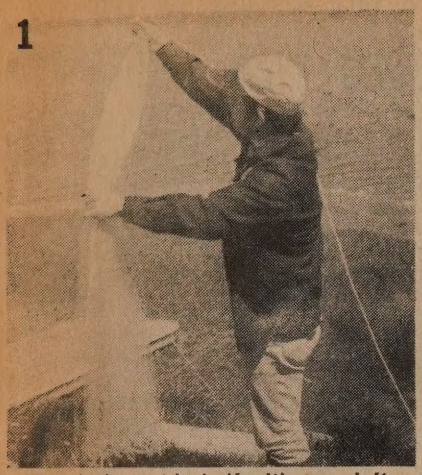

Break the net in half with your left hand, or as close to the middle as possible, making sure that the leads are perfectly vertical in relation to the drawstrings at the top of the net. Note that the draw is in the right hand, and the line is over the right shoulder. The loose end must be secured to cleat or bow rail on your boat.

2

Grasping the net (now broken in half or folded on itself) with the right hand, take a middle lead with the left hand in preparation for taking the leads over your left arm.

3

Using your fingers, begin to roll leads from left to right where they are strung along your extended left arm. Don't toss the leads over one another, or the result will be a fouled cast.

4

Place your feet sideways to the direction you intend the net to go and twist your entire torso from right to left. Do this in an even motion so that the leads are just fully extended under your arm.

5

Now all the leads are over your extended left arm and all that remains on the right side is a tight semi-circle of the remaining leads.

6

Now the critical part of the operation comes in. As the leads begin to come taut under your left arm, begin to spin your body and the cast net in a fluid motion from left to right, making sure not to release your right hand until just before the flying leads begin to apply pressure to it.

7

Follow through, keeping your eyes on the net through its flight. This prevents early or late release. If you can achieve this kind of flying circle, you won't have any trouble taking your share of bait quickly.

prompted me to write this article.

While I purchased mine many years ago from Lead Enterprises in Florida as they were relatively unheard of, I have seen many available locally due to the increased demand. Bucko Brothers has a large selection of sizes in stock. Once you have made your selection there are a few important things to learn. Mono cast nets should be stored in closed containers of water and kept out of the sun to insure their being soft and supple. Foul weather gear should be donned as you can see from the photo sequence that the wet net spends a great deal of time against your skin and body. Most importantly, unless you are Kareem Abdul Jabbar, pick the highest unobstructed point on your boat to cast from, allowing the leads to hang over the side. Don't forget to tie the end of the purse string to some fixed object on your boat. I actually know a guy who snagged a $70 cast net at the Padanaram breakwater in a cast for pogys...and we can all imagine what kind of a day the guy that lost the net must have had! The photo sequence is to give you an idea about what to do and how to do it and when to do it. Only practice makes perfect so get the lead out.

This sequence was done under a handicap...as I had a dry net and did not toss from an elevated position. And, did you notice the last photo is missing? You will have to ask your editor about that. The eighth photo showing the net results of the toss resulted in my biggest catch of the year. Under the mono and lead was the editor and his million dollar camera, but according to the rules of this particular event I had to release my catch. And naturally...no one takes photos of themselves as the catch of the year. So you will have to imagine what was in the net...and I don't lay claim to it being easy, but it sure beats the hell out of snagging bait. Now Tim, about that crack in your lens.....

Sinker Bouncing

with Matt Ahern

PORGY FISHING

★ PART ONE ★

Porgies are scrappers. Check with any sinker bouncer who has caught his share, and I know he'll agree with me. I've noticed, too, that many fishermen refer to porgies as "fun fish." They are that all right: no question about it, but only up to a point. Meaning that porgies can tire you out to the point of near exhaustion with their willingness to commit suicide. And that's the trouble, you see.

It is because of this absurd willingness that old-timers looked upon the porgy with a jaundiced eye. Hard to believe? Yes. But I've known some of those ancients who had to be coaxed to fish for porgies. "Not me, boy," was the standard excuse. "When I fish, I like to relax. Fishing for porgies isn't my idea of relaxation."

That attitude I could easily understand. More than once I have racked my rod after a brief two hours of hectic porgy fishing; especially so after bailing those large sea porgies that used to set up housekeeping on the Tin Can Grounds every summer. And when I realized the fish-cleaning chore that awaited me, no further inducement was needed to add my voice to the raucous cries of, "Let's go home!" This was a common occurrence during those great, wonderful days of excellent porgy fishing.

No fisherman of my acquaintance thought twice about the seasonal arrival of porgies. It was as certain as the sun's rising in the East. Come late Spring, and there they were—by the millions—invading our coastal waters from New Jersey to New England. In those days, anyone who wanted porgies and couldn't connect was considered a pretty poor fisherman, indeed.

Porgy fishing hasn't returned to that glorious state yet, but worthwhile catches are increasing each year. At least today's porgy fisherman knows he's got a fighting chance of filling the bucket. Which is certainly a vast improvement over a decade ago, when only extremely lucky fishermen occasionally took strays and considered the event newsworthy.

Experienced fishermen divide porgies into three groups: sand porgies; bay porgies; and sea porgies. Sand porgies weigh less than a half-pound; often but a few ounces. Their main ambition seems to be to annoy exasperated fishermen by industriously stealing bait meant for more desired game—especially in late Summer and early Fall. Bay porgies are those weighing close to a pound, and at times are common throughout the Peconic Bay country.

Sea porgies are the prize fish for the dedicated porgy fisherman. These—except for the early spawning run in Peconic Bay—are nearly always found in the deeper waters of Long Island Sound and on the offshore ocean fishing grounds. Sea porgies will go to three pounds and better, although the average size is around a pound.

Porgies are gregarious. Therefore, should you hit upon a school of sand porgies while bay fishing, let's say, there is little hope of catching anything larger unless you move. Of course, this has its good points, too. Should you luck into a school of two-pounders while wreck fishing, you're sitting pretty.

Offhand, I don't know what the record porgy weighed. Some authorities claim it was four pounds, and some say five. I'm sure it was closer to five. I well remember one early August day, fishing the Iberia wreck off Long Beach on the Survivor II out of Island Park, a day when the average porgy went three pounds, with sprinkling of fish to four-and-a-half, scale weighed. That was a porgy fishing day I'm not likely to forget.

As you can gather from the above, I'm a great believer in wreck fishing for big porgies. My records show that, except for isolated instances, my largest porgies have always come from wrecks.

The wrecks that have produced these big porgies for me while party boat fishing, are the following: Steel wreck; Coal wreck (it was from this wreck that I and Henry Corti of Richmond Hill, who was the mate on the Survivor II, used to get arm-weary pulling large humpback sea porgies in mid-October); C.O.D. wreck; Joe wreck; the Stone Barge, and of course, the Iberia wreck. Many of these wrecks are fished by party boats from Freeport, Island Park, and other close-by ports.

Other areas in the New York Bight which have produced for me are: Tin Can Grounds; Scallop Ridge; McAllister Grounds; Cholera Bank; Klondike Bank; The Farms; The Subway Grounds south of Ambrose Tower; 17-Fathom Bank, and offshore Sea Bright, New Jersey. The latter can be very good in September.

There are dozens of other spots spread throughout Long Island's north and south shores and along the New Jersey Coast; spots I've never fished, but which I'm sure produce porgies. Montauk is an area where sea porgies are available just minutes from the dock. Should the opportunity present itself, don't overlook Rhode Island; its fertile waters are home base for large sea porgies.

All party boat skippers know choice porgy fishing spots like you know the back of your hand. If porgies are to be had, these experienced fishermen will put you over them.

Tackle requirements for sea porgies are simple. Any medium-weight boat rod, equipped with a matching reel, filled with at least 100 yards of twenty pound test monofilament line will help you bucket porgies. You'll find such a rod light enough not to become tiring, yet having the necessary oomph to plant the hook in the normally deeper water sea porgies prefer.

Rigging terminal tackle is no problem. There are two rigs you can use, depending upon where you're fishing.

For wreck fishing, use the two-hook, hi-lo rig. Don't bother with hardware; you'll only make it easier to become snagged in the obstruction. Instead, make a one-inch loop a snell's length above a suitable-sized bank sinker (probably five to eight ounces, seldom more). Make this loop with a double-overhand knot and add either a number 2 (not 2/0) or 1/0 regular-shank, Sproat hook. Make another loop above it, high enough so that the second hook will clear the lower one without tangling. Use another Sproat of the same size.

There is another hook I like for porgy fishing besides the Sproat. This is the Virginia style, also known as the blackfish hook—a short-biter, with an offset hollow point and barb. I consider it the ideal hook for those days when quick-biting porgies turn foxy. It is highly recommended for any fisherman having difficulty setting the hook; use a number five.

Skimmer clam has lured more sea porgies to the hook than any bait you can shake the well-known stick at. Squid is good—most times. I say "most times," because sea porgies do become finicky on occasion, but I've never known them to refuse a succulent slice of skimmer.

When party boat fishing, the mate will cut the bait into proper-sized pieces, so there's no problem there. Often, in the bait container, you will find skimmer "strings." Cut them into two-inch pieces and use them when porgies are thick; the meaty part of the skimmer at other times. Make sure some of the soft stomach remains with the meaty part, and bait so that the point of the hook is exposed near it.

For fishing open bottom where obstructions aren't too bad, such as areas similar to the Tin Can Grounds and the various mussel beds, you can use a tandem-rig with much success. This is simply two hooks tied together so that they will extend on bottom in full view of feeding porgies. Place two inches above the sinker, and you're in business.

To tandem-tie, simply fold the snell of one of the recommended hooks at its middle and place this fold through the knotted loop of the second hook. Take this second hook and run it through the fold of the first hook and pull up snug, securing with an overhand knot. On good porgy days, double-headers are common when this rig is used.

Porgies are cunning bait thieves; therefore, it behooves the fisherman to work out a system to cure them of such tricks. I'll tell you the truth: I don't know a fool-proof method of hooking porgies. At least one I can describe that will guarantee you spending more time unhooking fish than is spent re-baiting. What works for me, may not necessarily work for you. Artie Leidecker, my good friend and one of the best bottom fishermen I know, once told me that the time to hook a porgy is before it bites. That's close.

Over the years, I have developed a "sixth-sense," which I find often gives me the edge when setting the hook. I miss

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THE FISHERMAN "IQ" TEST

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BY FRED GUARDINEER

(1) FOUND OFFSHORE FROM NOVA SCOTIA TO FLORIDA, THIS SMALLEST NORTH AMERICAN MARLIN RARELY EXCEEDS 100 LBS. IT IS THE WHITE ☐ BLACK ☐ STRIPED ☐.

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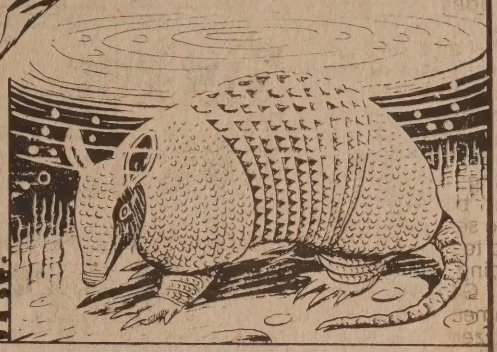

(3) THESE LURES ARE TYPICALLY USED IN ☐ FRESHWATER ☐ SALTWATER?

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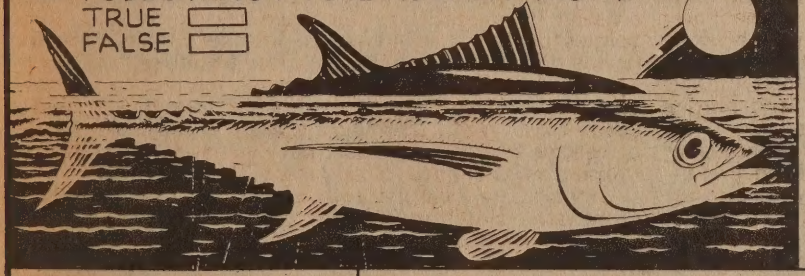

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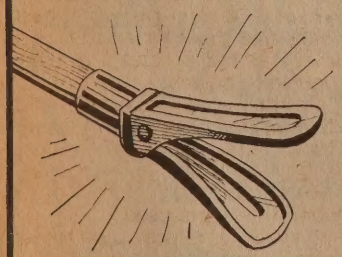
(6) THIS DEVICE IS USED IN SHALLOW WATER. IT IS A...



(7) THE PENALTIES FOR SHOOTING SEALS OR SEA LIONS CAN RUN AS HIGH AS $20,000 AND 12 MONTHS IN JAIL. TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

1 - WHITE MARLIN. 2 - FALSE. HE'S A GOOD SWIMMER BUT MAKES NARROW CROSSINGS ON FOOT. 3 - SALTWATER. 4 - TRUE. ON BRIGHT MOONLIT NIGHTS THEY FIND IT HARD TO LOCATE BAITFISH SO THEY ARE HUNGRY THE NEXT DAY. 5 - THE MOTOR SIEZES AND MAY CAUSE PERMANENT DAMAGE. 6 - AN ATTACHMENT FOR A BOAT PUSHPOLE THAT OPENS FOR BETTER LEVERAGE ON SOFT MUD. IT CLOSES WHEN WITHDRAWN. 7 - TRUE, EVEN IF THE ANIMALS INTERFERE WITH FISHING.

Surf Side with Vito Orlando

DROWNING WORMS AT BREEZY POINT

★ PART TWO ★

Last week in Part I, I tried to stress the importance of using the proper bait and tackle. This week, I will outline the effects of Mother Nature on this beautiful shoreline.

Both the strength and direction of the wind play an important part in the bottom fishing at Breezy Point. When the wind blows from the same quarter for too long a period, or with too strong a velocity, you may experience difficulty in holding bottom. This is especially true when the wind and tide are moving in the same direction. However, some good fishing can still be had by making a few minor adjustments.

A south, or southwest wind will make for improved fishing. The rough surf created by these winds will loosen food from the ocean floor. Also, any bait fish that had been lying off the beach will be brought closer to shore by the current. Likewise, the striped bass will come closer to the beach in search of these tasty morsels. The crabs—which at other times are a nuisance—are no trouble now. They will be too busy digging themselves deeper into the sandy bottom to avoid being cast about by the pounding surf.

A southeast wind will usually bring some seaweed into the area, especially on the second day, or when the wind is too forceful. This seaweed can collect on your line and can make bottom fishing a difficult chore. One way to overcome this is by making shorter casts. In this way, the amount of monofilament exposed to this weed is kept to a minimum. Also, as the tide reaches its peak or ebb, and the current slows down, the grass problem will abate somewhat. At these times you can usually experience an hour or so of satisfactory fishing. (Also, try the one hook rig.) However, there are times when the wind and current are too strong, and then nothing can be done to overcome the grass.

An east wind will usually be accompanied by a few days of bad weather. Again, the second day is the most troublesome. Rain, a strong current, and some more seaweed, are the usual conditions associated with this wind. Also, during this time, your bait will be carried to the right, as the wind and tide join forces to uproot your sinker. To avoid this, make shorter casts using a heavier sinker (six ounces). Usually during the first few minutes immediately following the cast, your bait will remain in a fixed position. Hold the rod in your hand until you feel the sinker start to move; then reel in, and cast again. Continue fishing this way, as it is the only method that produces under these conditions, and it will also keep your bait from sweeping back onto the beach.

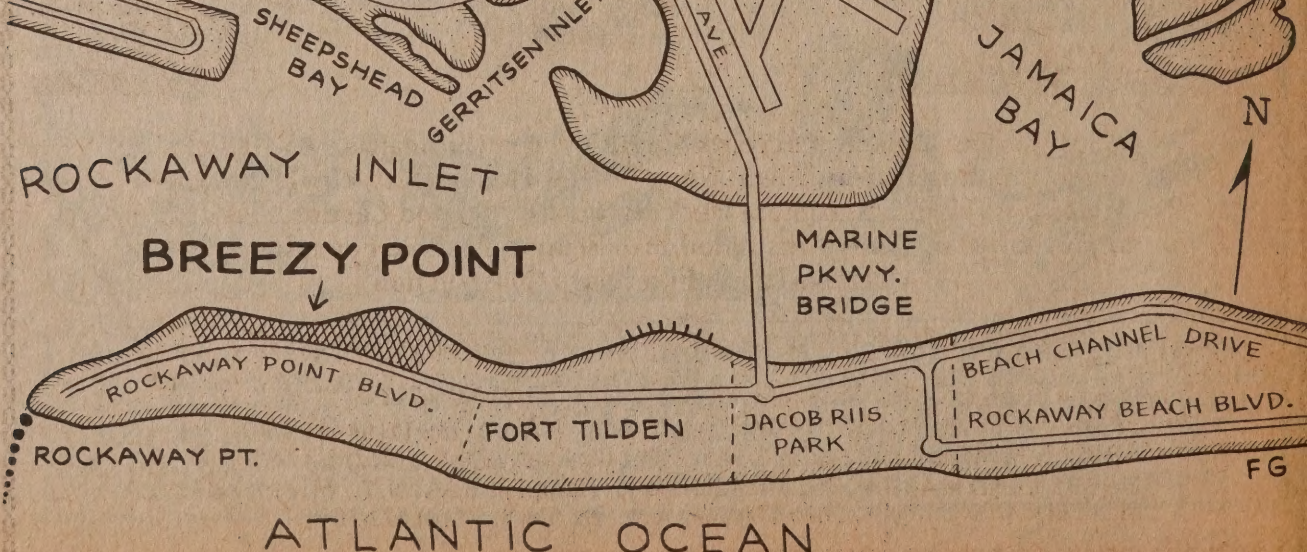
A northeast blow will all but end the bottom fishing for a few days: the current will become too strong, and the accompanying rain and foul weather will make for a difficult time.

A north and northwest wind will calm the rough surf. These offshore breezes will force any bait swimming near the shoreline further off the beach. Another bad condition associated with these winds, is that the water will become discolored. The brownish, or coffee-colored appearance of the water will be caused by great amounts of sand being blown into the wash. In order to catch fish when these winds prevail, you have to get the maximum out of your casts. Since the surf will be calm, you can wade further out before casting. You will notice that your casts are naturally longer, as the wind will help push your bait seaward. As the tide drops, wade further out, trying to get more distance with each cast. You can also move closer to the jetty, which will be sitting to your right. If there is any bait close to shore on these northerly winds, this is where it is likely to be. The crabs will be out in force during these times, because they have nothing to fear from the flat surf.

A west wind should not hinder the bottom fishing, unless it is blowing too hard. When this happens, your line will be carried to the left, again making it difficult to hold bottom. Use the same procedures as defined for an east wind to overcome this.

You may now be wondering, "Just how hard must the wind blow in order to be considered too strong?" I have found that south or southwest winds up to 25 mph, produce good fishing. However, winds from other directions, over 15 mph, are too strong.

When I first began fishing at Breezy Point, most of my attention was focused around the high tide. My trips were



planned to coincide with high, incoming water. I would remain until the tide was three hours out. Then one Spring, after many blustering winter storms, the sand bar that was lying off the beach, moved closer to shore. One evening while I was working, Bill Meade decided to fish the bar at low water. That night, he took eight bass up to 14 pounds. The myth that Breezy Point only produced for the bottom fisherman at, or near high water, was shattered. Since that night, I have found that the low tide is just as rewarding as the high.

To gauge the correct tide, use Sandy Hook as a reference. Figure the tide at Breezy Point to be minus ten minutes from Sandy Hook.

The phases of the moon will not alter the fishing picture. During the full and new moon periods, the currents will run somewhat stronger and must be compensated for. The new moon will undoubtedly favor the appearance of phosphorus in the water. The dark nights created by this phase, will produce insufficient moonlight to eliminate bioluminescence. On the days before, during, and after the new moon, you will do better to fish dusk, rather than nighttime. The first and last quarters, depending upon the wind and weather, will not ordinarily interfere with the bottom fishing.

At Breezy Point, most of the larger fish are caught in the dark. During the nighttime, these large bass will come close to shore to begin feeding. Time your arrival to coincide with the last two hours or so of dusk, remaining until well after dark.

Before going to Breezy Point, make sure that you purchase the bait and tackle that is needed. There are no tackle stores in the area.

Since Breezy Point is now part of the Gateway National Park, a fishing pass is required. It can be obtained at the Administration Building, located in Fort Tilden. There are certain rules and regulations that appear on the reverse side of this pass; they must be observed, or the Park Rangers will confiscate the pass.

If you have a beach buggy, you'll be granted limited access to the sands. That is, only fifteen vehicles will be permitted on the Point at any one time. You will also need a key to the iron gate, which can be picked up at the Ranger Station (you will need your vehicle registration for this), and must be returned upon completion of the fishing trip. There is no limit to the number of occupants permitted to ride in each vehicle.

If you are one of the unfortunate, and have to rely on your feet—don't fret. Park your car in the small lot located at the extreme western end of the blacktop, and walk down. Again, no limit will be imposed on the number of fishermen permitted to walk.

To get to Breezy Point, travel the Belt Parkway, getting off at the Flatbush Avenue South Exit (11S). Drive toward the Marine Parkway Bridge. Floyd Bennett Air Field will appear on your left. Once on the bridge, follow the signs to Breezy Point. As you come off the ramp, you will notice Fort Tilden to your left front. It is here that the fishing pass can be obtained.

This season, as in the past, I know that the Point will again produce some fine bass fishing for the worm drowner. I have tried to point out many of the conditions that have been encountered, to give you a better picture of what to expect. So this year, as the regulars begin to show themselves on this beautiful shoreline, I hope that you will make plans to be among them.

Good luck, and good fishing.

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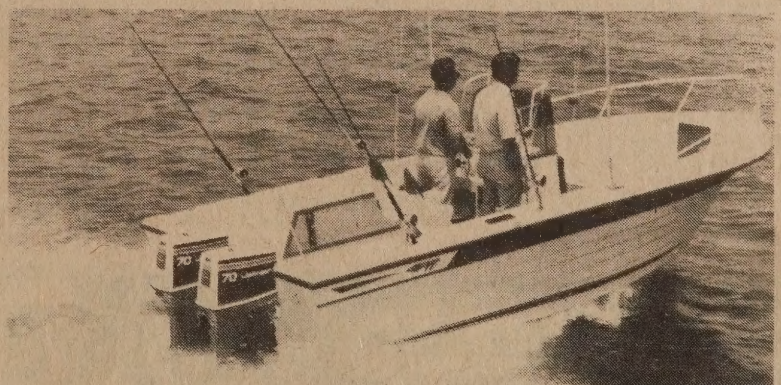

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Imagine for a moment having the opportunity to try your luck in a virtually untapped fisheries resource. Imagine also being afford the chance to bag lunker pickerel and bass. And further, imagine this fishermen's paradise being located on Long Island. Too good to be true? Not quite. With the passing of May 1st, and the opening of the New York State pickerel season, Long Island freshwater fishermen have access to an extremely high quality lake. Thanks to the efforts of the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Regional Conservation Council, and concerned sportsmen, Hempstead Lake is now legally open to angling. This just happens to be the first opening since the creation of Hempstead Lake State Park. The question of fishing access and fishing privileges has been an active and controversial issue for quite sometime. Many anglers, lured by visions of huge fish, have risked fines, summonses, and even arrest for an opportunity to tangle with a trophy bass or pickerel. But all is now legit.

The 166-acre impoundment is situated in Hempstead and borders the Southern State Parkway. The area located southeast of the Parkway is considered to have the greatest potential. During a recent conversation with Al Kellar of the DEC, I was informed of some interesting facts relating to Hempstead's fish populations. One of the more interesting bits of information relates to a netting survey that disclosed the average weight of netted pickerel to be 2.6 pounds. With that as an average, you can rest assured that bigger fish roam the waters of Hempstead. Reports have already been received of 29-30 inch pickerel—trophies in anyone's book. The size of Hempstead largemouth bass is also worthy of consideration. I have heard several first-hand accounts of bass seen, hooked, and lost, that have topped the seven pound mark. There is much speculation that a new state record could be taken from Hempstead. If this did occur, I don't think that there would be too many knowledgeable bass anglers who would be surprised.

For those of you who decide to test the waters of Hempstead, bear in mind the following special regulations.

1. The lake is open to fishermen from May 1st to Nov. 30th.
2. Anglers may fish Hempstead between the hours of Sunrise and Sunset.
3. Fishing is limited to wading only. No boats or flotation devices of any kind are permitted.
4. The use of bait fish is prohibited.
5. Pickerel may be taken up to three per day. The minimum length being 18 inches.
6. Panfish may be taken in any size and any number.
7. A valid New York State fishing license is required for anglers 16 years, and older. A watershed permit will not be required.
8. Black bass may be taken up to three per day. The minimum length being 15 inches.

With wading being the only allowable method for pursuing Hempstead's fish, it will be necessary to adapt one's techniques, especially if boat fishing is your specialty. The important point to bear in mind is that wading need not hamper a fishing effort. Under certain circumstances and conditions, the wading angler can out-fish the boat angler. This is most often true during the Spring and Fall, when fish such as bass and pickerel tend to be shallow; dawn and dusk are also times when the wader can score heavily. Considering the nature of Hempstead Lake, the wade fisherman would be well advised to include in his tackle arsenal, a supply of spinner baits, shallow running plugs, and top-water plugs. In the proper situations, plastic worms will produce well.

The wade fisherman becomes a hunter of sorts, seeking and searching out the fish in a variety of shoreline locations. A working knowledge of lake topography and depths can be an invaluable aid to success. Know your water, and you will be assured of higher catch ratios. Learn the whereabouts of holes and pockets, and be precise in your casting. When wading, be certain of your footing, and if need be, utilize a wading staff. It is also extremely important to move quietly. Stalk the fish and make each cast count.

Sinker Bouncing: PORGIES

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many, even with this system. I find, though, that if the novice porgy fisherman keeps his eyes riveted on the rod tip instead of waiting for the feel of a bite, his catch will increase—especially of the larger, more cautious fish.

Often by the time the bite is telegraphed through the line, the fish is gone with the bait. Now—that's fast! A great many times, though, just by watching for a slight dip of the rod tip and immediately attempting to set the hook, often results in hooking fish that would ordinarily escape. It's worth trying, anyway. I know it works. You just have to develop the method to suit your individual sense of timing.

Next week we'll discuss rigging, baits, and methods used for inshore waters.

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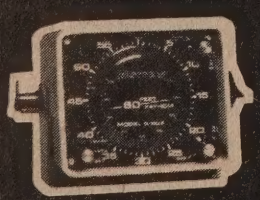

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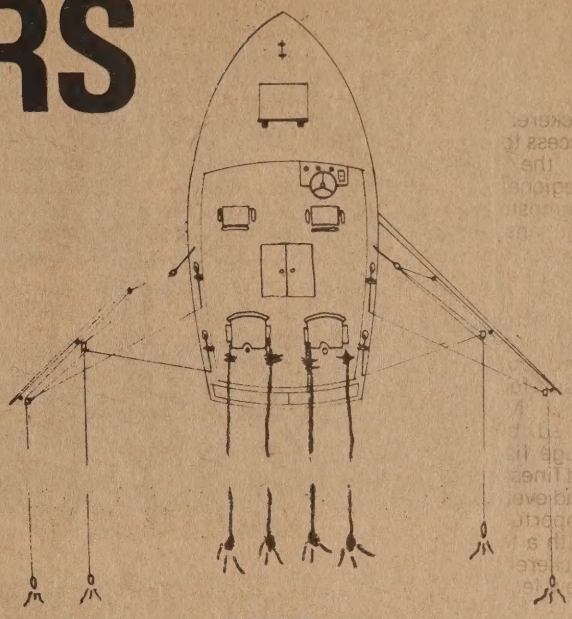

FIGURE 1

Sometime back in the Stone Age, one of our ancestors decided that there must be an easier and more positive way of obtaining food than looking for a dead fish in the nearby pond. So he rigged a piece of bone on a stick and attempted to spear a live fish. This was so successful, and the fresh fish tasted so much better than those found already dead, that his interest in fishing grew. After he learned how to make a line, he attached the bone to it and sometimes enticed the fish to swallow the bone; this was easier than spearing. The bone caught in the fish's throat and our fisherman pulled in his catch. Later on, an innovative Cave Man ground a hook into the bone, and fishing as we know it today really began.-

History tells us that handlines were used until the ancient Greeks developed the use of the rod as a means of getting the hook and line farther away from the shore or boat.

This development was the birth of sport fishing. The Greeks realized that by holding the rod at the proper angle, the fisherman could "fight" the fish, thereby adding to the enjoyment of catching fish. Fishing as a sport continued on through the Dark and Middle Ages. Records show that monasteries in the Middle Ages had fish ponds to provide diversion for the monks. After the publication in 1653 of Izaak Walton's book "The Compleat Angler," fishermen began to regard their pastime as both an art and a science.

Since Walton's time, the development of fishing, or "angling" as it is properly called, has seen startling and widespread innovations. Some of these gimmicks have been proven to be of little or no value. A few have had a solid value to the fisherman.

It is with one of these developments which we are now concerned, i.e., outriggers.

What is an outrigger?

Today's outrigger is a modern projection of the fishing rod which the Greeks devised thousands of years ago. Its job is to get the fishing lure away from the fishing boat.

Outriggers originally were cane poles; but as technology advanced, metal and Fiberglas poles were found to be more practical. Cane pole outriggers now are relatively scarce. Outriggers range in size from 12 feet to 35 feet in length, depending on the size of the craft on which they are mounted.

The purpose of the outrigger is to skip the bait in the stern wave and wash of the fishing boat. Game fish sense that there is usually a supply of bait fish in the turbulent water alongside of, and astern a power boat. Game fishermen also found this to be true and use the outrigger to simulate a jumping bait fish to attract game fish.

The way it works is like this. The game fish see the skipping lure and strikes at it. Because of the action of the outrigger, the lure appears to have fallen victim to the strike, but then appears to leap into action again. This action usually results in either hooking of the fish, or in a second strike at the teasing lure or at one of the several other baited hooks which may be streamed from the fishing craft. It is not unusual for at least one other line from a rod set in a rod holder to be fished off each outrigger, plus four other rods fished directly over the boat's transom in the wake (see Figure 1).

Now, let's take a look at the makeup of an outrigger assembly. Outrigger poles may be either Fiberglas or aluminum, and may be made in one or two pieces. Two-piece models usually have a solid base piece with a tubular upper portion to reduce weight. It is normal for a pole to have three guides, similar in many respects to the guides on a fishing rod.

Outrigger poles are secured to the fishing boat by means of holders or bases, usually made of bronze or solid stainless steel. There are several types of bases, representing the designing and engineering efforts of a number of manufacturers. Among the better known are Lee, Pompanette, Tournament, and Perko. Figure 2 shows a Tournament Sidemount; Figure 3 is the Perko Wishbone; Figure 4 is the Lee Junior, and Figure 5 is the Lee Senior.

As we have said, they differ in design, but not in function. Before a prospective game fisherman purchases an outrigger assembly, he should look at all available models, and then decide which is best for his boat.

Some of these holders are secured to vertical bulkheads, while others are designed to be fastened to decks. Some, because of the ingenuity of their design, may be fastened to either cabin bulkhead or deck. These have an adjusting device somewhat like a quadrant or sextant in appearance which permits the outrigger pole to be set at the proper angle.

Bases or holders should be set slightly abaft the beam of the fishing boat, whether a skiff or larger boat. To pinpoint the location better, take the craft's overall length and measure three-eighths of this distance forward from the transom. This would then be the ideal location for the outrigger base.

This method of determining the location of the outrigger base holds for all boats from skiffs on up in size. Skiffs, however, generally are better served by using the wishbone type of holder or extremely simple flush mount holders (see Figure 6), which are similar to rod holders.

Having determined the type of holder best for your boat, and the proper length of pole for the size of your craft, the next thing to consider is the stiffness of the pole and whether or not it will require spreaders.

The outrigger pole must be stiffened by spreaders (see Figure 7) if the pole, because of its length, is too soft. The pole must be stiff enough to cause live bait such as ballyhoo, Spanish mackerel, squid or live eels to skip on top of the water. A pole too soft in its action will tend to whip back and forth, giving the bait an opportunity to sink before the pull of the pole and line is exerted on it again. This usually results in lost bait.

Let's go back now to the early development of outriggers to find out some of the reasons for using certain pieces of equipment in connection with outriggers.

Half a century ago, game fishermen seeking big billed game fish such as marlin, swordfish, and the like, found it best when the fish struck their trolled bait, to free spool the reel, allowing the line to run out as the boat moved ahead. This resulted in the bait remaining motionless in the water. The angler counted to then, threw the free spool lever back to engage and raised the rod sharply to set the hook. During the ten count interval, it was estimated the fish would have time to pick up the bait and swallow it.

Outriggers and their accompanying equipment do most of

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this for you.

The accompanying equipment mentioned above consists of a reel for each outrigger mounted close to the skipper on the flying bridge; a Florida rig, and a game fishing rod and reel outfit for at least each angler aboard, up to a maximum of seven or eight (see Figure 1A).

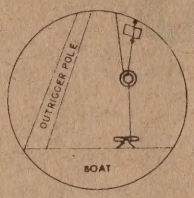


FIGURE 1A.

First, the Florida rig. This is an arrangement of tackle made up of a halyard, two outrigger pins, a cork ball about the size of a golf ball, a glass ring about three or four inches in diameter, and a length of line about one-half inch diameter and approximately six feet long.

With the outriggers in place as noted above, the angler reeves the halyard through the two top or outboard guides of one of the outriggers. The top end of the halyard is run through a hole in the cork ball, and then knotted to prevent it being pulled out. A snap swivel should be tied into this knot and the snap hooked into the eye of an outrigger pin assembly. An outrigger pin assembly is device into which the angler's monofilament line is clipped and held out on the outrigger. Figure 8 shows three types of outrigger pins. At left is the Roto Pin. In this type, the monofilament is run between the two spools of the pin assembly and the desired release pressure adjusted by knurled knobs on the spool ends. In center, are two Snappy outrigger pins; one in the closed position, and the other in the open position after the fish's strike has snapped out the monofilament line. At right is the Adjustable Mahogany type of pin, which holds the monofilament between two pieces of mahogany held together by a spring arrangement. To understand the use of the outrigger pin, it is helpful to know that the first pins were merely two pieces of wood held together by tightly wrapped rubber bands.

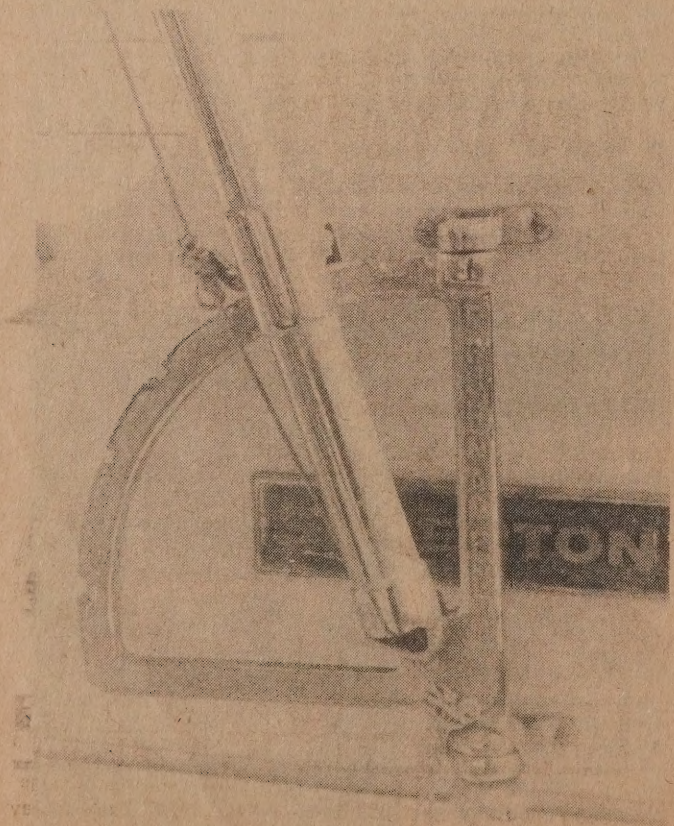


FIGURE 2

FIGURE 3

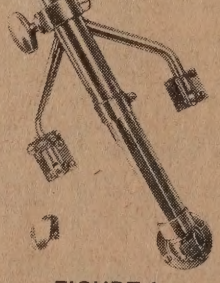
One or two pin assemblies may be attached to each halyard, depending on the number of rods to be fished off the outrigger.

Next, the lower end of the halyard is passed through the glass ring and the halyard adjusted so that its length is several feet short of the overall length of the outrigger and its base, and then tied to the bottom eye of the outrigger pin assembly.

The six-foot length of line is then tied to the glass ring and a turn taken around a cleat near the outrigger base. The line is then taken in and cleated off when the desired bend has been imparted to the outrigger by the pull of the Florida rig. Pressure from the Florida rig is asserted on the upper half of the outrigger rod, since the halyard runs through only the two top, or outboard guides.

If there is a second outrigger on the other side of the boat, it is rigged in the same manner.

On the flying bridge, the boat's skipper should have mounted within easy reach two reels, one for each outrigger



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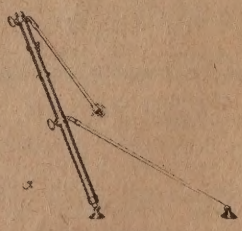

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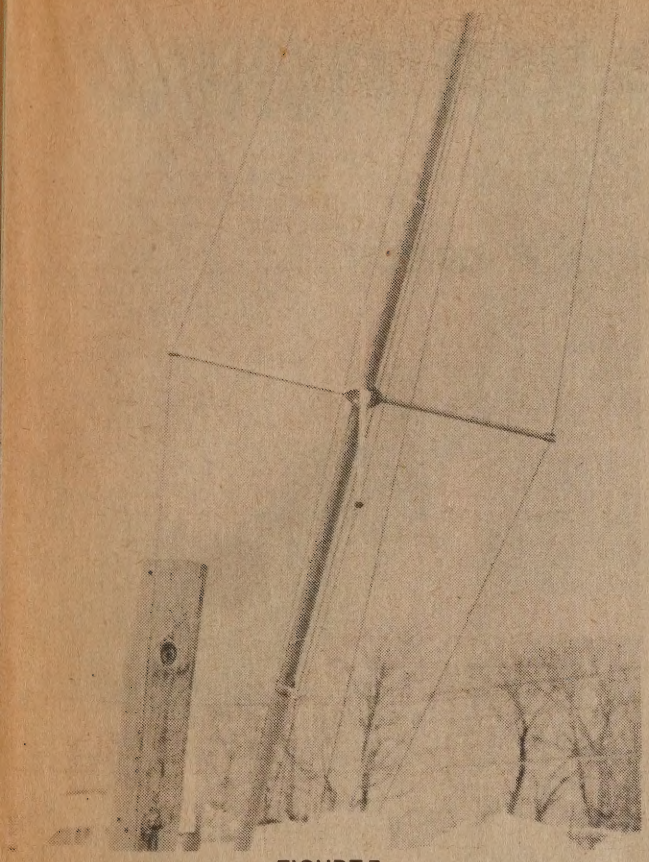

FIGURE 7

with monofilament line running down to the lower or inboard guide of the outrigger. To this is attached the teaser, which is maneuvered by the skipper so that it skips back and forth across the wake wave.

The monofilament line being fished from a rod in a holder near the outrigger base is then clipped into the outrigger pin. Because of the glass ring through which the halyard has been reeved, the pin may be brought into easy reach by using the halyard as if lowering a flag. Because of the cleated piece of line to which the ring is attached, the bend of the outrigger remains unchanged. This permits fast and easy resumption of fishing after a strike.

Now we have the boat under way, and it is time to start fishing. The skipper sets his throttle for the proper speed for the species being fished, and adjusts the two bridge reels so that the teaser does its job. Anglers in the cockpit then stream their baits from their monofilament lines, held up and away from the boat by the outrigger pins. The bait being fished from the pins on the outrigger pole should be about five feet astern of the teaser.

The game fish is attracted by the teaser, thinking that it is a smaller species of fish on which the gamesters feed, and which are often found in the waters alongside, and in the wake astern a powerboat. The game fish goes after the teaser, and failing to get it as it skips over the surface of the wake, turns his attention to the baits which are being trolled by the rods aboard the fishing boat.

When the fish strikes the lure bait, the line pops out of the outrigger pin—in some cases with a loud snapping sound. The slack in the line between the tiptop of the rod and the outrigger pin causes the bait to sink slightly and causing the game fish to attack it again. The angler must then pause briefly before moving his rod—similar to the count of ten before outriggers were used—and then lift his rod and set the hook. Note that his tackle is, and has been since the first strike, clear of the outrigger. The angler fights his fish with the equipment he has in his hands.

Two rods may be rigged and fished off each outrigger pole. However, if there is sufficient cockpit room, up to four more lines may be fished over the transom, straight astern into the wake. These baits should be about even or slightly

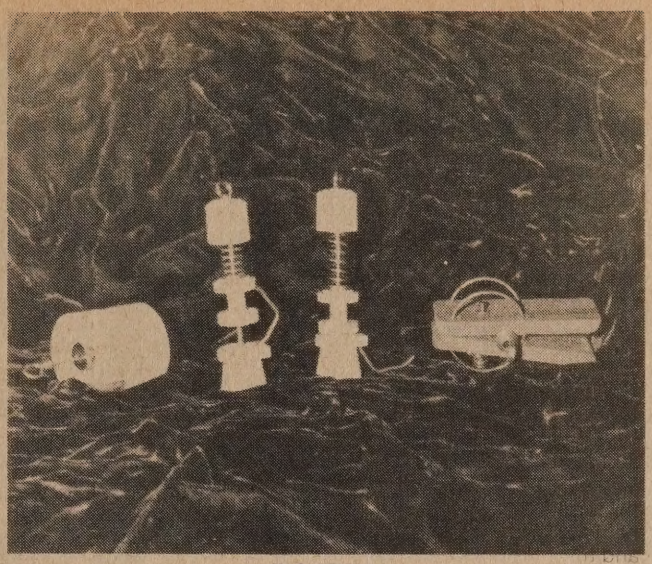

FIGURE 8

astern of the teaser. Some skippers rig a line across the transom of the boat between the two stern mooring cleats and fasten ordinary plastic clothespins to them. The monofilament lines of the rods which are being fished over the transom are then held in the same manner as the outrigger pins and played the same way.

Trolling speeds range from five to nine miles an hour, depending on the species being fished. Bluefish and billfish usually are caught in the five to six mile an hour range, while tuna usually strikes best at speeds of eight to nine miles an hour.

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BUNKERS & BUNKER FISHING

★PART TWO★

by Captain Ron Onorato

Now that the most difficult part of the job has been done, and you've got a load of live or fresh bunker, you now move into the actual fishing area. As mentioned earlier, you can fish the bunkers either live or dead, with each having their own applications; so we'll take a look at both.

The biggest problem facing the fisherman after he has acquired the bait, is where to fish the bunkers. If you do most of your fishing along the South Shore, the problem isn't that difficult. Dotting the South Shore beaches from Breezy Point on the West to Jones Inlet on the East, are countless numbers of wooden panels and stone jetties that extend out into the ocean. These rock and wooden structures represent the only disruption of the otherwise barren beach, and are natural havens for a host of marine organisms. Crabs, shellfish, blackfish, bergalls, and many other types of bait fish cluster around these structures. The striped bass, which feeds on all of these things, is in turn attracted to these areas. They are natural feeding zones and offer a place where many bass will feed and, in some cases, summer as a resident fish. While it may appear that all of these structures look alike to the fisherman, to the bass, each one has its own characteristics that makes it different from the next. Each year as the bass migrate up the Coast, they will feed for varying lengths of time along these jetties before moving on. Once the bass find a jetty they prefer, they will often spend the summer there. Usually several bass, or a "pod of bass" as they are often called, will congregate around a certain jetty, rather than a single fish. A jetty a few hundred feet away from a productive jetty, though it looks like they are both the same, will often be barren of fish. The trick is to find a hot jetty and keep it a secret.

Lately, a number of big bass have worked their way into many of the South Shore bays, and will feed on the plentiful supply of bait they hold. Usually, they are following the huge schools of bunker that have been spending the summers in the bays and creeks and feeding on them. The fish scatter a bit, but are usually found pretty close to where the bunkers are, or pass through. Many of the Jones Beach bridges attract big bass. Some of the deeper cuts and holes are also likely spots for big fish. The key to a good population of fish, is a good supply of bunkers.

Up on the North Shore, there are many likely spots with just about every harbor having its own hotspots. Like the South Shore bays, the large schools of bunker draw the bigger bass with them.

This is how a live bunker is hooked with treble hook in lips.

Rather than going off to every bassy-looking spot on the Sound, concentrate on just one small segment at a time, and work it well. This is where you have to do the hardest work before you come up with a producer.

On the South Shore beaches, you can use fresh dead bunker as effectively as live bunkers in many instances. Big bass are lazy creatures, and rather than chase a frisky bunker scooting over their heads, they will often go for a bait dragged in front of their noses.

The terminal tackle required here is very simple; a 3/0 extra strong treble hook and a three-foot leader of 40 pound mono, is about the size of it. The leader is connected to your main mono line by a small barrel swivel, and you're ready for hooking up the dead bunker. Select a bunker, and insert one of the treble hooks through both lips of the bunker. That's about it—you're ready for fishing now.

The idea of fishing dead bunkers is to move the boat from which you're fishing fairly close to the jetty or panel, and heave the bunker in near the rocks or wood. The boat is then allowed to drift off the beach with the dead bunker somewhere in the vicinity of the jetty. Because you'll be using bait that will sometimes weight near one pound, you'll need a stiffish rod that can take the constant heaving of the bait. A Penn Squidder or 3/0 special are both good reels to handle the casting, with line no more than 30 pounds being necessary.

Wind direction is an important factor; the preferred wind is from any northerly quarter, as quite obviously it will cause the boat to drift off the beach, allowing you to work the dead bunker as the boat drifts off. On the other hand, a southerly wind is the poorest, because it will cause the boat to drift into the beach and you have to keep compensating for this. Unfortunately, most of the winds are from the southerly quarter at this time of the year, with few northerly blows.

The water around these jetties will vary, but it is seldom more than ten feet deep. The bunker will usually be working close to the bottom without any weights. You don't want the bait actually on the bottom too long, or the crabs will make short work of the bunker. If you're in an area that has crabs latching onto the dead bunker, and then they seem to stop—look out, as they usually take off when any big bass move into the area.

You've selected the spot, and you're working the bunker along; now the only thing to do is to sit back, and wait. It's hard to say how long it will take before you get a pick-up. Sometimes it happens on the first pass, other times the fifth or sixth. The bass are cautious and may eyeball the bait many times before eating it. Usually six passes are about right before moving onto another stone or panel.

Luck is with you, and there are bass on the rocks you're fishing. You've just cast the bunker and you get a pick-up. All along, the reel should be kept in free

spool, with just enough thumb pressure on the line to keep it from overriding and creating a bird's next. The big bass has picked up the bait and is running with it, while swallowing it. The fish is allowed to run with the bait for several seconds before engaging the reel and slamming the hook hard into the fish. One of two things will have happened; you'll have hooked the fish, or you'll have blown it. It's hard to give a time length for the amount of time the fish should be allowed to run. Give the fish more time than you think necessary; they seldom spit out a dead bunker once they pick it up.

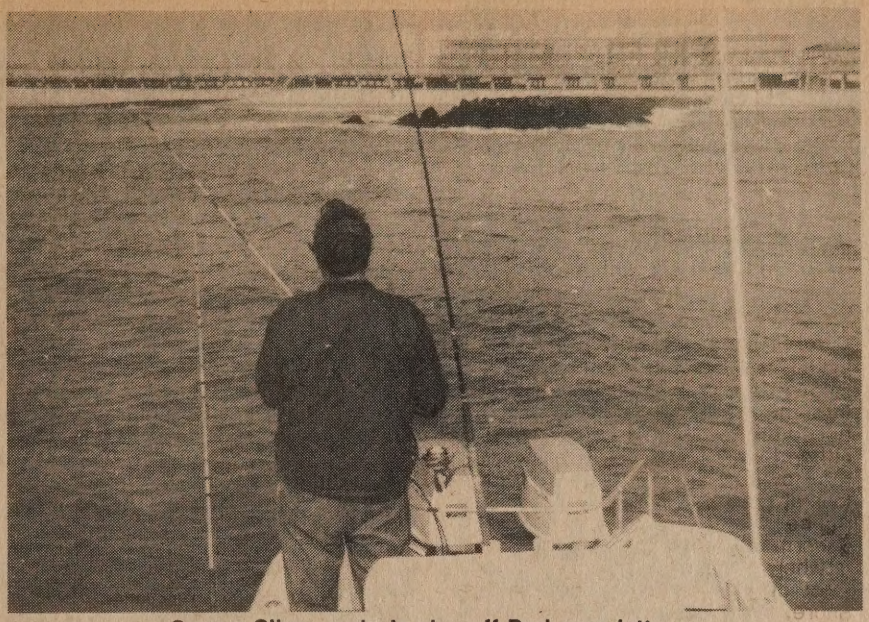
The fun of bunker fishing really begins once you start fishing with the live bait. No longer are you just whipping out a dead piece of meat; you've got a wiggling piece of food and you can feel every vibration that bunker makes. There is something about a live bunker that seems to stir up just about every bass in the Atlantic. You can be fishing what may seem like an absolutely barren piece of ground with dead bunker, and then move in there with the live stuff and have a volcano erupt. Even if a bass is stuffed to the gills, he will at least take a look at the bait, without any intention of eating him. Time and time again, we would be fishing an area with dead bait and not get so much as a rise or a touch. When we went in there with the live bait, big fish would swirl on the surface and slap at the bunker with their tails. Sometimes they would actually grab the bunker by the tail and carry it for a few yards before dropping the bunker. Other times, they will grab the bunker by the stomach and squeeze it to death, deftly avoiding the treble hooks. It seems as if the bass are just being playful or destructive without actually eating the bait. Of course, there are times when the bass will drive the bunker up and eat it. Other times, the bass will take the bunker deep without driving it to the surface.

Live bunker can be hooked in two ways: through the upper lip, or through the shoulder, ahead of the dorsal fin. In the first, the treble is inserted through the upper lip only. This allows the bunker to open and close its mouth freely. The other method, and the favored method, call for shoulder hooking the bait once through the skin ahead of the dorsal. This doesn't interfere with the breathing of the bunker and allows it to swim more freely. The same terminal tackle is used in this case also.

One thing you have to be careful with: you can't heave these live baits like a dead one, or you'll kill it very shortly. You need a very calm ocean, and you have to sneak the boat in as tight as possible to the tip of the stone, and then gently flip the live bunker. The boat is then pulled offshore a bit, and the bunker, with the reel in free spool, is allowed to swim freely off the tip. A good indication of bass life is when the bunker starts whistling away from the jetty as though it were a freight train. Another good indication is when the bait comes to the surface quickly and refuses to stay deep. A good bunker fisherman can actually tell by the way the bunker is swimming whether or not there are bass in the area. If the bunker is swimming lazily and isn't acting in an erratic fashion, then it's a good bet that there may not be any bass in the area. If the bunker is acting real jumpy and nervous, it might be a sign that some bass are there, but are not feeding just yet. If this is the case, after making several passes with no takers, move down the line a bit, and then come back to the jetty where you started from; sometimes the bass will have changed their minds and gone on the feed.

When the bass takes a live bunker, it's a little more complicated than the pick-up he gives you on the dead bait. First, the bass has to catch the bunker, and many inexperienced anglers think that because the bunker is flying through the water, that's the runoff. When the bass catches the bunker, the line will really start flying off the spool. If you thought you had to wait a while to let the bass swallow the dead bait, you've got to wait even longer before hitting him with the live bait. The bunker is still wiggling as the bass is trying to turn him so he can swallow it, and this takes a little more time. As with the dead bait, engage the reel and slam the hook home as hard as possible, and hope for the best. The only problem you may run into with a big fish, is him running into the rocks and cutting the mono line or leader. This doesn't happen too often, but a cagey striper will often head straight for the jetty tip.

When you use bunkers—either live or dead—it is more than likely that you're going to end up with fish over 20 pounds in weight; 30, 40, and 50 pound fish are regular table fare when you go with bunkers. Unfortunately, these same big fish are almost exclusively females, and they make up the majority of the brood stock. This should be kept in mind by every bass fisherman who plans on making a heavy score.



George Oliver works bunker off Rockaway jetty, ...

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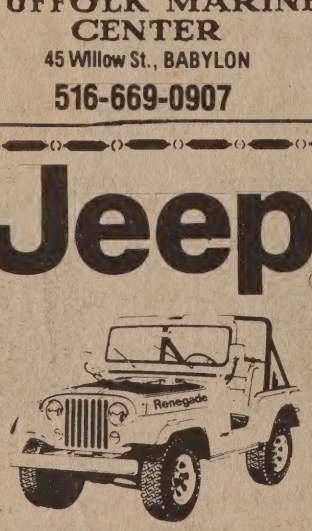

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SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

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After three days of excellent fishing, the striped bass run came to a screeching hault on Tuesday and the fishing has been very picky since. Hopefully the action will pick up as the currents begin to run stronger, as the fish are definitely around but just aren't feeding during the day. Bluefish are almost non-existant, but there is still a good showing of jumbo pollack off Block Island. Coxes Ledge has started to produce good catches of big cod. Seabass fishing is fair and still nothing like it should be, but giant jumbo porgies showed up off the Point this week to make up for this lack. Fluke fishing is only poor to fair and nobody can really understand why. Hot item at this time would have to be the great shark fishing south of the Point, with average catches of from 5 to 10 sharks a trip. Capt. Warren Hader of the charterboat **Devilfish** harpooned a Great White Shark estimated to be 15 to 20 feet long in only 72 feet of water while returning from the Block Island pollack area. The shark towed the boat at 3 to 4 knots an hour for almost an hour before chaffing and breaking the 7-strands number 15 wire that connected the harpoon tip with the line to the barrel.

Capt. Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Star** reported that the codfishing at Coxes Ledge was very good on Saturday and Sunday. The cod ranged up to 45 pounds and the high-hook for the day was 17 fish. A few big pollack and hake are mixed in with the catch. Fluke fishing has only been fair in the North Rips but the fish are nice size. Paul said that he is expecting delivery sometime in July and

Shown here is mate Ray Ruddock of the "Adios" with a possible world record pollack taken on May 19th.

L.I.F. Subscriber Todd Walter, with one of the cod taken on a recent trip aboard the VIKING STAR. Todd and his Mom, Joan, were lucky winners of the L.I.F. Litter Box Contest and won the trip aboard the boat.

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Capt. Richard Rade of the **Marlin IV** reported that the cod and pollack fishing off Block Island has still been good but has slowed up somewhat now that the water is finally beginning to warm up. Starting Friday, the boat will begin sailing daily at 7 A.M. for fluke. The Captain noted that the boat is also available for large group charters that want to get in on the Monster Montauk Night Bluefishing when it starts in the near future. Call for further details.

Capt. Paul Sundberg of the charter-boat **Montauk** said that he made another experimental shark fishing expedition to the Fish Tails area 75 miles from the Point. They loaded up on blue sharks and spotted one swordfish. The Captain said that there is still a lot of small blue sharks around but no reports of any makos.

Capt. Warren Hader of the charter-boat **Devilfish** reported that shark fishing has been super excellent. On Tuesday Harvey Adelstein and his son from Slater's Pharmacy of Montauk had a charter with Warren and they took six blue sharks, all tagged and released. On Thursday 11 blue sharks were taken up to 150 pounds, seven tagged and released and four brought back to the dock. On Sunday the score was 7 blue sharks to 135 pounds. The big trip of the week was on Monday, when Larry Modlow and his family were aboard. Fishing the Block Island grounds, they bagged over 50 pollack in the 25 lb. class and large bluefish in the 10 to 12 lb.

Walter Heitlinger holds a 36 lb. bass, the largest of 22. He receives strong vocal support from Joey "Flapjaw" O'Connor. The fish were taken on Ava diamong jigs aboard Capt. John DeMaio's charterboat "Vivienne."

range. On the way back in they encountered the great white shark that was harpooned as reported earlier.

Capt. Fritz Hubner of the charterboat **Mistress Too** had Scott Simons and Doc Muller of The Fisherman staff aboard on Thursday along with the crew from Long Island's public television station WLIW channel 21. The program will be shown three times this weekend. (See editorial on page 4 for times.) Three striped bass were trolled off the Point on umbrella rigs and 5 pollack were taken south of Block Island on Ava-67 diamond jigs and tubes. To add to the excitement, Fritzy managed to find two sperm whales, a 600 lb. giant ocean sunfish and one blue shark for the TV crew to shoot.

Capt. John DeMaio of the charterboat **Vivienne** reported that the bass fishing took a real nose-dive during mid-week. But jumbo porgies moved into the area and you can really load up on them during slack water. On one trip over 250 pounds of big porgies up to 4 pounds were boated during the slack.

Capt. Buddy Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** reported that the porgy fishing has been slow to "okay" but they are almost all jumbos. Seabass and blackfish were mixed in with the porgies taken over the weekend.

Henry Colombi of the **Star Island Yacht Club** said that the fishing has taken a decided down-turn since last weekend. Bass fishing has been poor except for a few of the local sharpies that have been making good catches at night trolling large plugs despite the lack of a moon. Porgies are off to a good start. Seabass and fluke are fair. Offshore fishing over the weekend was just fair. The "Modar II" had 2 blue sharks while the "Bumble Bee" also took 2 blue sharks. One hopeful catch was made Monday morning by the "Marie III." She had 5 bass up to 18 pounds and approximately 40 bluefish taken around the point.

Eddie Miller of **West Lake Fishing Lodge** on Monday eve while fishing with Jim Sweetman took two stripers plug casting at Ditch Plains and 6 bass while diamond jigging at Great Eastern plus a bonus of 2 fat sea bass.

PROMISED LAND

Art Brand at **Promised Land Fishing Station** reports that fishing was slow over the weekend with catches of a few fluke, a few porgies, a weak and a blue coming in. The bay is full of sand eels and Art is looking forward to an improvement in fishing.

NOYAC

Noyac Marina reports that Billy Podmore and friends took 17 fluke up to seven pounds on sand eels and squid fishing opposite Jessup's Neck. The fishing is mixed, with catches of weaks, blues, porgies, fluke and blowfish bein taken.

HAMPTON BAYS

Tony's Fishing Station reports that on Thursday, John from Jersey took 55 keeper fluke fishing the second buoy in the east channel. These fish ranged from 2½ to 3 lbs. Over the weekend, the fishing was slow pickings with lots of boat traffic. A few good sized flounder can still be taken in front of the Station.

According to **Coor's Fishing Station**, fluke was **the** fish this past week. Day's catch averaged from 5-15 fish, weighing up to four pounds. Using sand eels or shiners with squid teaser, they fished

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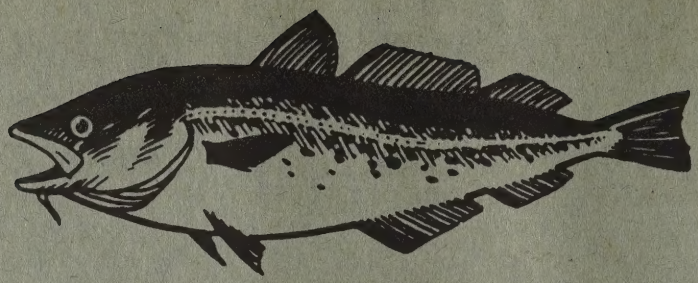

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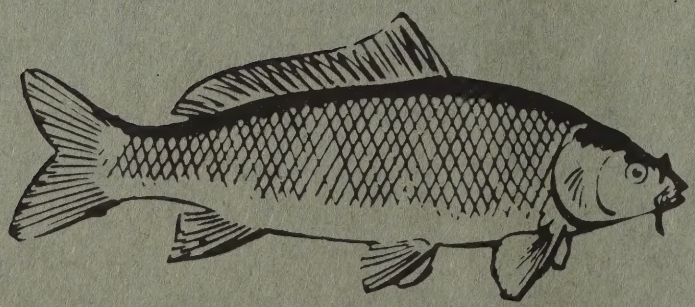

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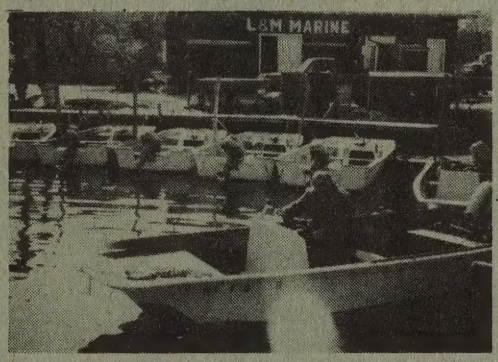

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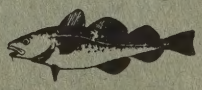

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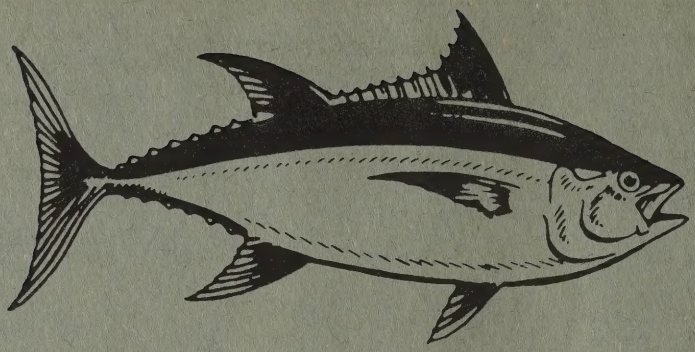

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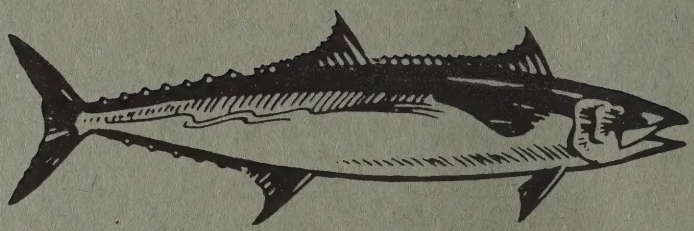

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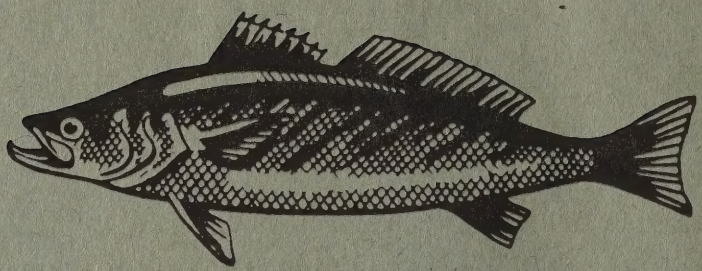

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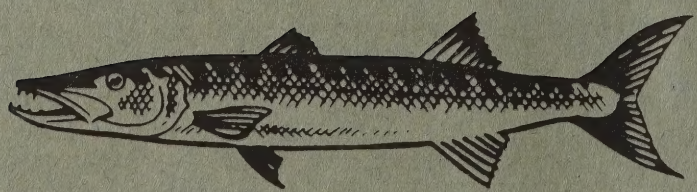

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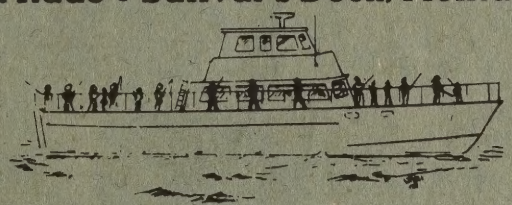

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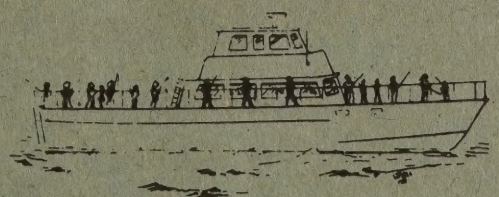

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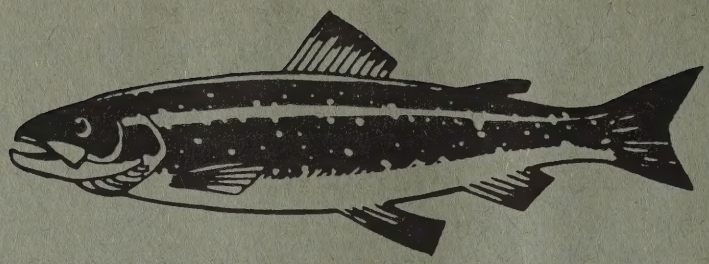

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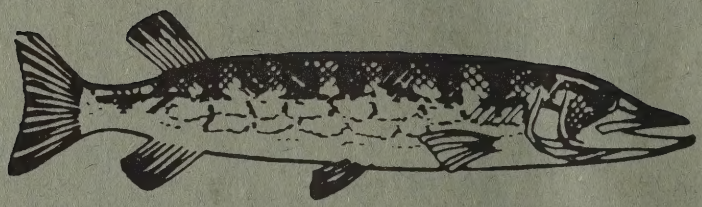

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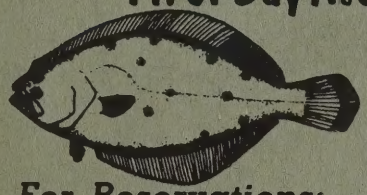

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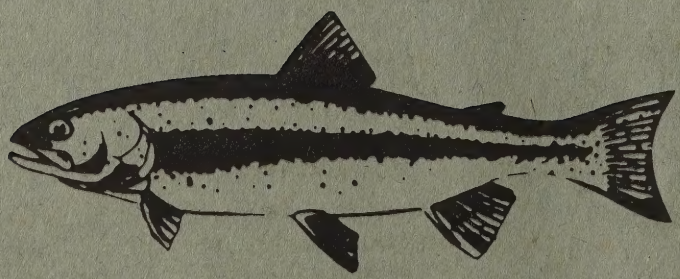

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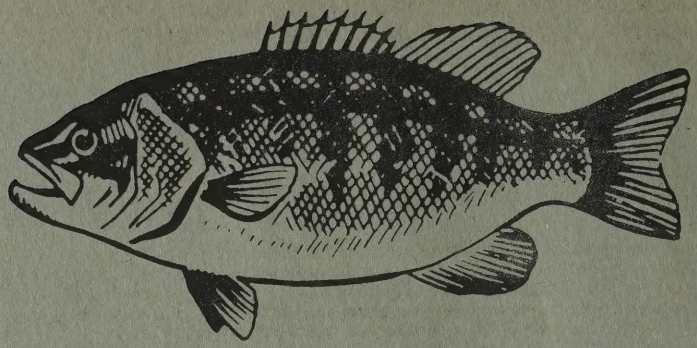

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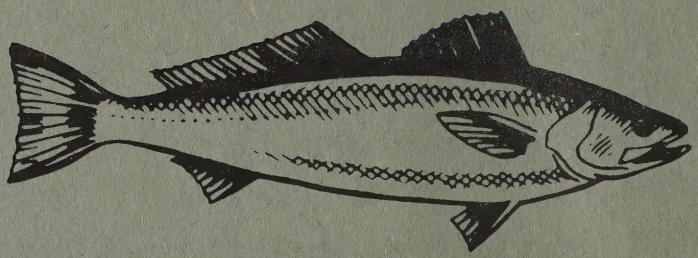

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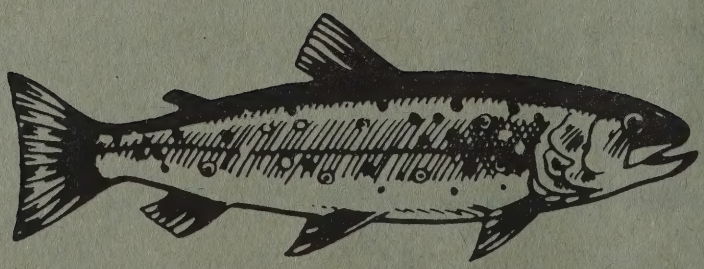

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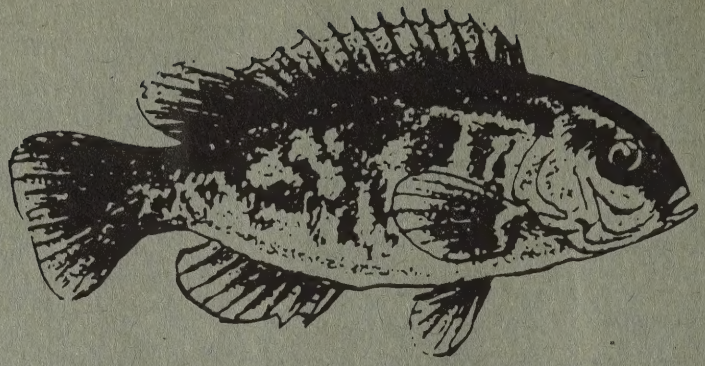

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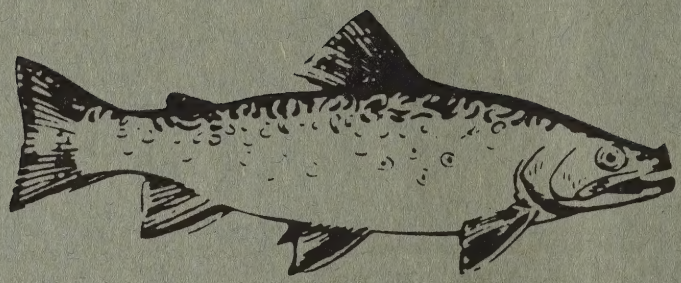

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Skipper's Fishing Station reports that Jim Barberis of Massapequa had a 9.2 oz. fluke taken while drifting East Channel with squid and killies. Porgies are in the Peconics. The main stay for Skipper's skiffs are fluke to the tune of approximately 12 per boat, and these are keeper fish.

MORICHES BAY

Silly Lily Fishing Station reports that fishing was slow over the weekend because of weather conditions. During the week, good catches of fluke were had behind the sand bar at buoy 39 and by the elbow in the old inlet channel. Bass were taken at the elbow on live bunker up to Thursday, then the bass were feeding on live eels. Flounder were picked up at buoys 38 and 39 by fishermen who chummed for them.

Skidmore Fishing Station reports that fluking has been good. Hank Schlange took 23 keepers to 4½ lbs. northeast of 42 on squid and sand eels. Mark Matthaus had a 6 lb. 1 oz. fluke fishing the same area. Other good areas are at the elbow from 36-43 and either side of the sand bar at the Coast Guard Station.

L&M Marine reports that fishing was slower on the weekend than during the week. Bass and blues were being caught in the inlet, trolling or diamond jigging. Tom Rello took a 16 lb. 8 oz. bass diamond jigging this area. Mr. Esposito took a 3 lb. fluke fishing in the new cut on killies. Other fluke in the three pound range came into the station.

Bill and Eleanor Scaduto with their catch of 82 flounder and three blackfish. The flatties ranged from 1-2¼ lbs. and were taken on sandworms in the East Cut on the incoming tide. Photo Courtesy of Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station.

MASTIC BEACH

Stiriz's Fishing Station reports very good fluking this weekend from buoy 20 to 26 on spearing, sand eels and squid with outgoing best. Harbor blues on the bottom this weekend, taking fluke baits. Flounders at buoy 29 on worms and mussels. Quite a few stripers, says Gary at Moriches Inlet on red tubes, eels and bunker. Largest he heard of was 51 plus pounds taken on an eel. Certainly looks like a good striped bass year. Also Gary tells of hordes of sea gulls the other evening picking up 12 to 13 inch weakfish and dropping them on the beach for their meal. That looks good for next year's fishing.

SAYVILLE

Young's Fishing Station tells of a 13 lb. weakfish taken on Friday off Heckscher on the top in the evening on a salty dog. It's been a steady flow of fluke mainly from the deep water at Heckscher and off Sayville on sand eels and squid. Bluefish in the 2 to 3 lb. range are hitting fluke baits, while weakfish are fair to good all day long on sand worms or jigged salty dogs tipped with squid. Some blowfish and kings showing.

WEST SAYVILLE

South Bay Fishing Station reports fluke has picked up very nicely between buoys 17, 18 and 19 on live killies and frozen spearing and squid, fish up to 5 pounds. Weaks are being taken in deeper water on squid and long strips of clam and also on small pink Viking shrimpies. The best bet is between buoys 17 and 19 in the deeper water on the ebb. Blowfish in Nichols Bay and getting bigger on squid and clam. Kings showed up at 28 and 29 on clam and squid. Bluefish off Sailors Haven on nearly anything, mostly in the A.M. hours up to 5 pounds.

EAST ISLIP

Wet-A-Line Bait and Tackle reports weaks still around but slacking on sandworms. Fluke being taken at the Coast Guard Station at Ocean Beach on sand eels and squid. Bluefish at the Sore Thumb on bunker chunks and plugs. Frank Nicotri had 3 bass up to 22 pounds on live eels at the Moses Bridge on the ebb early Monday morn. of this week.

OAK BEACH

The Store reports that on the north side, weakfishing has upsurged again and also at the rock jetty area near the Sore Thumb. Most of this is on squid and striped killies. Fluking has slowed down this past week. One angler caught 2 huge humpback porgies plus a weakfish off the pier in front of The Store on bloodworms on Saturday. Flounders are slow. Blues are spotty at the mouth of the inlet and the ones being caught are being fished deep. Lots of blue shark being caught offshore. A 23½ lb. striper

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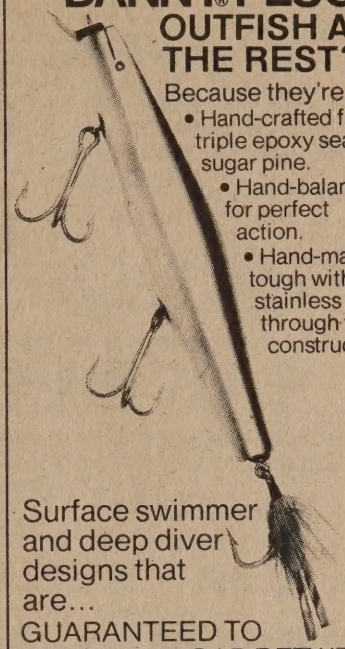

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BAY SHORE

Smokey's Bait and Tackle tells of a 9¾ pound weakfish caught by Barbara Stephens of W. Islip on squid and killie combo on their boat "My Little Margie," on Monday. This was Barbara's first weakfish. 20 fluke were taken by Larry Vuesele on squid and killies in Snake Hill Channel on Wednesday. Brentwood angler Scott Wright caught a 17¼ lb. doormat fluke off Fire Island Inlet's construction dock on sand eels. This fish was weighed in at **Smokey's.** Dave Jayane fishing with Pussycats had five weakfish and 3 blues off Ocean Beach. Big bluefish are at 120 feet along with blue shark southwest of the Inlet.

CAPTREE

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty** reported that the fluke fishing was good on Friday and Saturday with an average catch of 5 to 7 fish per man. On Sunday the fishing was only fair, with just a few anglers managing to get four or five fluke. The keepers are a good size, most ranging in the 2 to 2½ lb. class, but when a fish is short, it's a real short—only 10 or 11 inches. The Captain said that most of the fish are now being taken up east in the Ocean Beach area. The night trips for fluke have been producing a couple of dozen fish each trip for only a few anglers.

The **Captain Richie** had a 6 lb. 6 oz. doormat fluke take the pool on Friday. Fishing during the week was best at the Bell Buoy at the mouth of the inlet, but on Saturday and Sunday the fish moved into the bay. All aboard have been getting a few fish with the high-hooker usually bagging around 9. The fish are spread throughout all parts of the bay and are providing a slow but steady pick throughout both tides. Good drifting conditions with wind direction and current cooperating usually means good fishing. Some private boats have been doing well by power-drifting. Killies and sea robin belly have been producing best in the bay while sandeels and spearing are preferred for the inlet action. The captain said that one of his fares made an unusual catch on a fluke rig during the week—a 6½ lb. blackfish taken in the inlet by the rock jetty.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy VI** told us that last Monday's special Tile Fishing Expedition was better than ever with over 325 fish taken. Most of the fish were large, ranging from 15 to 20 pounds, and there was a five way tie for the pool. Five fish in the low 50s couldn't be separated by the scales of justice. The captain noted that those using wire line seemed to avoid many of the tangles that other anglers experienced. An angler using a 12/0 outfit and 100 lb. test wire line was high-hook with 18 tilefish, and that's work. Capt. Speedy said that he saw too many blue sharks to count and several small pods of bluefish working on the surface about 45 miles off the inlet. The next Tilefishing Expedetion will leave the dock this Sunday night, June 26th at 8 P.M. and return Monday night. This will be the last tile trip until the fall, so give the captain a call at 516 661-1652 to make a reservation. Speedy said that the fluke action in the bay has

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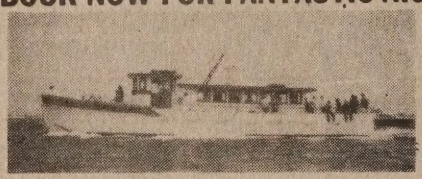

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Jim Colleary, Jr., and family, with their catch of 23 flounder taken between Buoys 3 & 3 off Heckscher Park, on salty dogs and squid. Photo courtesy of South Bay Fishing Station.

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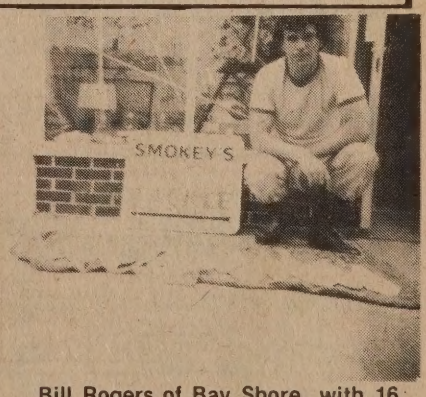
been poor to fair and he expects to start day and night trips for bluefish in the near future.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the charter-boat **Lady Ann** called to say that the fluke fishing was very good towards the end of the week with 140 nice keepers taken on Friday. But the fog on Saturday and Sunday's heavy boat traffic resulted in catches of only 50 to 60 keepers a trip for the weekend. The **Lady** is starting afternoon and night trips for bluefish this weekend, but reservations are required. Sat. night trip is all booked up, but the afternoon trip sailing at 4 P.M. and ending at 11:30 P.M. still has a few openings. Call Neil at 516 698-5918 to make reservations. Neil said that a few of the private boats have been chumming blues southeast of the inlet in 90 feet of water.



Bill Rogers of Bay Shore, with 16 keeper fluke taken at Fire Island Inlet on sand eels and squid. Photo courtesy of Smokey's Bait and Tackle.

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Charlie's Fishing Station reports mixed catches of fluke and weakfish, though it's mainly fluke that are being brought in. Richard Ota and his son from the Bronx had a good catch of keeper fluke on Sunday taken on squid and sand eels from the State Channel. All tides

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seem to be working. The few weakfish that are being taken are on salty dogs tipped with squid.

Augie's Bait and Tackle reports that Don Cochanski had 4 stripers on live eels going 34, 15, 24.2 and 15 pounds—all on live eels. Ski tells us that a 57 pounder was caught just hours before we called, but he has no details as yet, though it was probably a live bait fish taken from the Fire Island area. A good number of fish up to and including 40 pounders are being taken in the area on eels, says Ski. A big bass was taken by Frank Anabele on his boat "Italian Stallion" on Sat. night in the inlet on an eel. Good bass are being taken from the Sore Thumb to the Lighthouse, on the aforementioned eels, with some on clam chum. Augie's carries live eels, by the way. Fluking is still good if you know what you're doing to the tune of 15 to 20 per man. This is generally sand eels and squid. Five pound bluefish are being trolled on umbrellas in the inlet with best being morning and eve hours. Frank Keating had 15 weakfish on Saturday night, fishing sand worms on the hook with shrimp chum in the Ocean Beach area. Sandworms are now working very well on weaks.

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Charlie's Bait and Tackle tells us that Tony the Shoemaker had his first striper, a 37 pounder which he caught on Monday morning of this week fishing a live eel at Kismet Reef. The reknowned Joey G. racked up 17 fish with stripes this week ranging up to 42 pounds, all on eels from the Fire Island Reef to the Lighthouse. Lots of fluke—George Keshian, Manager of **Charlie's West Bait and Tackle** had 17 big flatties on Monday outside at the pound nets, fish running from 3½ to 6½ pounds, all on sand eels—killie combos. Hank Henkel of Lindenhurst nailed a 14 lb. weakfish while fluking on his boat "Lady Kay." Frank Said had 14 bluefish at Democratic Pt., trolling white tubes on umbrellas, fish from 2 to 12 pounds in the late afternoon.

Duke's Bait and Tackle tells us that stripers in the inlet started on Tuesday. Buddies Dennis K., Hadi I., and Bob S all of Lindenhurst fishing the ebb with live eels in the dark, nailed stripers of 42 pounds 14 ounces, 38 pounds 13 ounces, 31 pounds 11 ounces, 24 pounds 15 ounces. On Wed., Tom Ray of Lindenhurst, Don Delgiorno of Levittown and Steve Prochoroff fishing on the "Wahoo Jr." on outgoing with eels in Fire Island Inlet nailed striped bass of 24.2 pounds 30.9 pounds, 32, 27.9 pounds, and 35.6 pounds. On Thursday, Steve P. and Steve Pace fished eels again for one more bass of 22.8 pounds. Fluke were so so during the week but Snake Hill produced well on Sunday with squid and sandeels along with a number of throwbacks. No one seems to be trying for blackfish. Some bluefish and blue shark offshore. Surf casters are also getting some bass at the Fire Island Inlet areas on plugs and bait.

The Sea Horse reports great fluking action on the weekend but there were a

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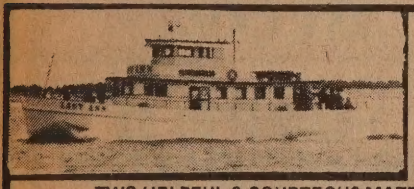

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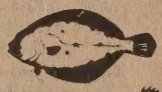

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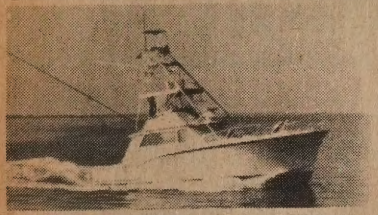

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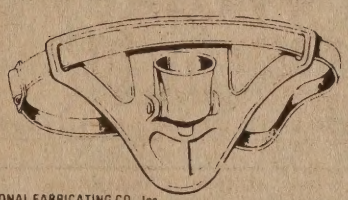

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lot of midgets that had to be returned. Still, there were about 10 to 12 keepers per man average and plenty of action.

COPIAGUE

Jonas Bait and Tackle reports very good bass fishing. On Saturday night, Lou Clement and Al Dicairo had a 45 pound striper and lost two others, all in a half hour on their boat "Nightmare." On Sunday night, Lou did it again with a 57 lb. 4 oz. striper, while Al bagged two weighing 23.10 and 32.6 all in Fire Island Inlet on live eels on an ebbing tide

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AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait and Tackle tells of bass being the big number on the inside now as evidenced by Mike Kempter of Massapequa with a 45 pound 5 ounce striper taken on a live eel in Fire Island Inlet on the last of the flood Sat. night. Two to three pound blues plentiful in the bay at East West Channel and Fort Neck Pt. on Kastmasters and Johnson Sprites. Fluking good at West Island and the

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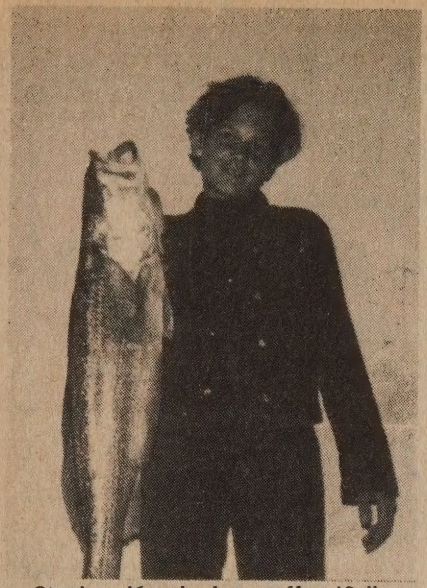

Stephen Kench shows off a 10 lb. 12 oz. weakfish that his Dad, Tom, took in the east-west channel off Lindenhurst. The fish was weighed in at Duke's Tackle. Subscriber Club Photo.

State Channel on killies or spearing. Weakfish being chummed at Goose Creek with grass shrimp with some bass moving in on the free meal. The Squadron Anglers boat "Dolphin K' placed number 1 in the Bayshore Mako Tournament run-off.

MASSAPEQUA

Massapequa Tackle and Sports tells of good fluking off Harbor Green with occasional blues and weaks mixed in on sand eels and squid. Bob Wilcox had a 6 lb. fluke off Harbor Green on Saturday. Also good fluking at Jones Inlet with the top of the flood best. Some bass being chummed at the Wantagh Bridge and the Measured Mile on clam bellies. The Meadowbrook Bridge is also producing bass on live eels. A lot of blue shark at the 110 foot mark.

SEAFORD

Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station reports good fluking all week with Squaw Island in the morning with an incoming tide producing thick fluke up to 4 pounds. Some stripers at the bridges on clam bellies. Hi-hook for Capt. Eddie's skiffs for the week was 22 keepers for 1 boat. All his skiffs returned with fluke taken on sand eels or killies.

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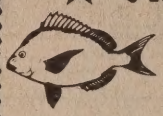

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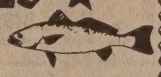

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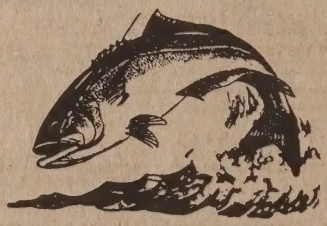

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gorilla blues from 130 to 150 feet of water. The Canyon boats report big schools of these choppers. Fluking has been good with the best being at the inlet bars. Jetty jockies at the Jones Beach jetties are heaving bunker wherever they can and scoring.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** reports lots of fluke being taken at Broad Creek, Ned's Creek and Merrick Pt. with incoming best. A good number of short fish but lots of keepers as well. Sand eels and killies are both working. Lenny Baum had 4 stripers from 13 to 17 pounds at the Tin Can all on umbrellas. A lot of blue shark from 60 to 85 pounds from 25 to 28 miles off the beach.

Over the weekend G. Korn, Merrick's tap dancing accountant, hooked and landed his first blowfish of the year. Tickling its belly Korn watched it blow up. After ten minutes of playing catch with it from one hand to the other, and

giggling all the while, the infamous one returned the blowfish to its watery home, unharmed. What a sportsman.

BALDWIN

Andy at **Arthur St. Fishing Sta.** reports a few bass being taken on bellies at the Meadowbrook Bridges with bunker taking the biggest fish. Good fluking in Reynolds Channel and Middle Bay and crabs starting—2 dozen were taken by one of his skiffs during the week.

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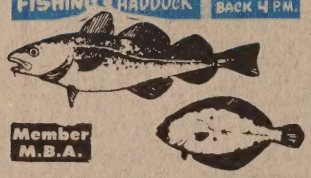

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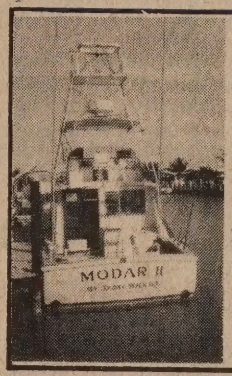

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N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

FREEPORT

The Starstream II reports a good weeks fishing about 50-50 on the ling and sea bass. Capt. Richie Kessinger also put his customers over some cod, pollack as well. Highlights of Sunday were 15 pollack, 5 cod, a sea bass of 4½ pounds and a 5 lb. ling. This was spread around the regular good catch of ling and seabass that the boat had.

The **Capt. Hall** reports good fluking Monday through Friday to the tune of 12 to 20 fluke per man while Saturday and Sunday saw 4 to 8 fish per man, fishing local canals and Jones Inlet.

The **Capt. Lou II** reports fish are in the creeks now with the east side of Sloop Channel producing fluke up to 4 pounds. The fluke have slowed down some this weeken and Lou attributes this to the draggers working up and down in front of the inlet heavily, not allowing the fish to come in. Still plenty of flounders mainly at the Coast Guard Station and at Swift Creek and these fish are very thick.

Charterboat **Sea Egg** called to tell us that their Thursday charter resulted in 21 blue sharks from 60 to 150 pounds all at the 150 foot mark. One angler had a 200 lb. class mako, but dropped it when the line caught on the hull. Friday saw three blue shark taken in spite of the nasty weather, up to 150 pounds.

Roy at **Mako Marina** informs us that bass weighing 28.8, 26 and 15 pounds were taken Saturday night in Jones Inlet on live bunker by Freeport angler Eric Berber. Also in the dark on Saturday night angler Tom Metz took 2 bass weighing 16 and 18 pounds on bellies at the Meadowbrook Bridge. Capt. Bob Garraputa of the charterboat **Sun Down** had 17 blue shark on Saturday and 14 blue shark on Sunday for two happy charter groups. Most of these shark were tagged and released and the balance were brought back and went into the pot.

Ron at **Sea Isle Sports** tells us that fluke are still being taken in Long and Scow Creeks on sand eels and squid. Ron says that the blues are known to be moving up from Barnegat which means they should be within our striking distance shortly. If you want flounders, Swift Creek is bursting with them with slack tide being especially good.

Frank's Marina and Fishing Station reports 9 year old Norman Graeve fishing along with his uncle on June 11th took 3 stripers weighing in the 30s fishing Jones Inlet with clam chum and a hunk on the hook. Bob Krombach and Craig Schmidt took the Frank's Marine Shark Tournament with a 94 lb. blue shark. Lots of fluke in Reynolds Channel and Long Creek being brough back by Frank's skiffs with squid and spearing. Flounders available for those who want them in Rowboat Alley on worms and mussel chum.

Not the best of weeks for the **Lady Fish**. But making the best of it, Charles Feighery had a good Wednesday. He brought in about 40 fluke, the largest about six pounds, at Jones Inlet, using both tides—mostly incoming. Capt. Nick reports that charters for stripers and bass are beginning this week, around the 25th.

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POINT LOOKOUT

Ed's Fishing Station reports that Angelo Petrone, and son Angelo, and John Mangino and his son John, fished Swift Creek with worms and mussels and took 100 flounder with 90 percent running over two pounds and some up to three pounds.

Two boats were fluke fishing on Saturday and had 40 keepers per boat, fishing the flats. Boats that went blackfishing did well at the Meadowbrook Bridge. On Friday and Saturday, bass in the 20s were taken off West Bar, clam chumming.

The **Marie III** went out on a shark trip this past Friday, to return with four out of a total of seven blue sharks. The largest, caught 30 miles south of the Inlet, weighed 147 lbs. Fluking was slow, but everyone managed to fill his bag with sea bass and ling on local inshore wrecks. Capt. Andy wants everyone to be aware that the Marie III will be sailing open on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, the 24th, 25th, 26th, for fluke and sea bass.

Mike Greenhut and Harold Rutcofsky with three of five bass and three big blues taken at the Tin Can Grounds. The fish were taken on wine-colored Lupo Umbrellas with a green strip, aboard the KIM.

ISLAND PARK

Beckman's Tackle reports that fishing has slowed. Fluke are thinned out with a larger percent of throw-backs. Wire liners are taking bass on Bingle gorilla rigs and large danny plugs off of Rockaway and the tin can areas.

Len Richards of the New Anglers Fishing Club out of the **Commodore Fishing Station** called to tell us that the contest with East Rockaway Anglers on Saturday for fluke ended up with New Anglers making a clean sweep of first, second and third prizes for big fish. Total weight was 196 pounds for 17 members. Reynolds Channel from the Cedarhurst Yacht Club to the Trestle was the hottest area. First place went to Frank Bonsiznore, 2nd to Joe Burke and third to Walter Chmurzynski. The fish were weighed in at Toms Aero Marine, Island Park.

Commodore reports that Pete Beryck of Brooklyn took Saturday's pool with a 6 lb. fluke along with 14 other keepers. The catch over the weekend was fair, and would have been better if there were not so many boats around interferring with drifts. Fluking was good all week, fish from 8 to 12 keepers per man. Reynolds Channel and back creeks were worked with smaller fish but more action in the back creeks. Some fluke were taken off Riis Park but cold water has moved in there and it has slowed. Bass are being taken off the Rockaway beaches on bunker being flipped out from the jetties.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Capt. Ronnie Lepper of the **Kim** reports good to excellent bass fishing this past week and weekend and that he is bagging an average of 6 to 12 fish with stripes a day, fish running 15 to 30 pounds. Most of these are at Breezy Pt.

where a large body of sand eels have taken up residence. Approximately ten fish in the 40s have been taken on bait in the Rockaways. It's plugs till daybreak then umbrellas, with the bigger fish taken just as the sun is coming up.

JAMAICA BAY

Cross Bay Bait & Tackle reports good bass fishing at the North and South Channel Bridges. Most fish are averaging 17-18 inches but have gone up to 22 pounds. Small porgies are being taken at the Beach Channel Drive on worms. Fluke are coming in and can be caught at the Marine Parkway Bridge on killies, spearing, sand eels and squid.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The Dorothy B reports that fluking has slowed this week and that he bailed out Sunday by going for whiting and ling with an average of 20 fish per man. The Capt. reports an influx of cold water that has taken the fluke off their feed.

Walter of the **Flamingo II** also reports that fishing fell off this past week and weekend for one reason or another but that any kind of change in the weather should bring about a change for the better in the fishing action by the weekend. He is now breaking up the day, half for sea bass and half for fluke and advises that fares leave it to the captain's judgement as to what to concentrate their fishing time on. A little wind this week could perk things up and maybe move the blues in. Walter has the new boat up which he is putting the final touches on at the dock and the new boat will be sailing by July 4th.

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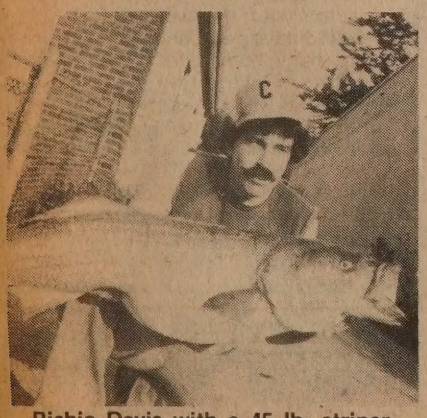
Capt. Larry of the **Eagle** tells us that he is starting the annual fluke derby once more. It is starting off at $500 and there is a $1 entry fee. The **Eagle** will start bluefishing this Friday night and will pursue the choppers every night except Sunday night sailing at 6 P.M. It will be the first boat out in the eve which should result in more fishing time. Larry is switching over to daily fluking at 7 A.M.

The **Elsie K III** reports slow fluking but most fish taken are keepers. Colder water has moved in and this has made the fish sluggish evidentally. Best results are seen with light tackle and light fluke rigs (2/0 hook with a light 20 lb. leader.)

The charterboat **Lainey** called to tell us that Thursday's two man charter at the HA buoy resulted in 3 blue sharks from 70 to 150 pounds on whole whiting and whole mackerel and bunker chum. The **Lainey** is a 25 foot Mako center console, which seems to be a new type of concept in charter fishing.



Richie Davis with a 45 lb. striper taken off Fort Wadsworth on an Atom Swimmer. Photo courtesy of Santo's Sport Shop.

STATEN ISLAND

Santo's Sport Shop reports that bass fishing is good at South Beach and Fort Wadsworth on Atoms, Danny swimmers and live bunker. Lunkers from this area were taken by Richie Davis with a 45 pounder taken from the surf at Fort Wadsworth and Lou Probo took a 32 lb. bass at South Beach. There are plenty of bass in the teens and 20s mostly taking plugs over the bait. The best time to fish is sun up and down and the last three hours of the outgoing tide. Bluefish from 9-10 lbs. are in the same area but are hitting bait more often than artificials. Fluke fishing is fair to good from the Verrazano Bridge to Princess Bay with the rock jetty at Great Kills Park

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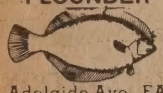

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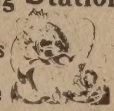

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NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

GREENPORT

A. P. White Bait Shop reports that nice weakfish are being caught in Greenport Harbor and in the channel near the Greenport jetty. Dering Point off Shelter Island is also producing weaks. These fish are being taken on the incoming tide. Porgies are being caught in nice quantity in Peconic Bay. Fluke are coming in from the rips at Gardiner's Island and are of nice size. The porgies should start in this area in a couple of weeks. Bass are being caught at Plum Gut drifting yellow bucktails and yellow pork rind and along the south shore from Horton's Point to Orient Point. Blacks are being caught by surfcasters in the sound.

The **Brand X** did an excellent job on the porgies this weekend. On Saturday, over 400 porgies were taken and over 500 were taken on Sunday, with a 20-35 fish per person average.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt reported porgies at buoys 17 and 18. The only spot for weakfish is off the Brickyard. Some small blues were taken on diamond jigs near buoy 17. No reports of any bass, but there are some fluke near the Ruins off Gardiner's Island.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports that there is good porgie action at buoy 29. Lester Stevenson and his wife took 510 porgies at buoy 29, with a lot of them running up to one-and-a-half pounds. The fish were taken while anchored on worms and clam chum. A few weaks were mixed in with the catch. Weaks from 8-10 lbs. are still being taken west of the flats at Jamesport on Rebels. Blues averaging one-and-a-half pounds are being picked up in the South Race using bucktails with red pork rind on trolling Rag Mops.

AQUEBOGUE

Warren's Tackle Center said porgies are cooperating in Peconic on worms and skimmer clams. Chumming will increase your catches. Some weakfish in the bay, but results are very spotty. There's blues in the bay, but they were stragglers. Out in the Sound, sinker bouncers are getting blackfish, sea bass, and porgies. Fellows out dunking worms in the evening for bass are picking up some

Joe and George Halpin with 12 weakfish taken at Buoy 17. Photo courtesy of Port of Egypt.

weakfish. Fluke fishing is coming along nicely. There's some throwbacks, but enough four pounds are around to make it interesting.

JAMESPORT

Jamesport Bait & Tackle reports that fluke are being taken in the sound from the beach, jetties and boats. A salty dog head with a piece of squid is doing the trick. Weaks are being taken in the sound towards Matituck on squid and small sinking rebels. Porgies are all over in the bay and sound. Big blacks from 11-15 lbs. are being taken at the Pipeline in Jamesport on hermit crabs, fiddlers and sandworms.

ROCKY POINT

The **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** reports that porgie fishing is good in the deep water off North Shore beaches on sandworms. Blues from 6 to 7 lbs. are being caught 200 feet off the beaches on tubes and umbrellas with a few weaks mixed in. Fluke fishing is improving and fish to 8½ lbs. have come in. Stripers are being caught at Herrod's Point on small rebels and redfins on the falling tide after dark. Some small bluefish and weaks are mixed in.

SELDEN

Ken Freeman at **Anglers Den** reports that blowfish are being caught off Cedar Beach. A few bass in the teens are being taken between Port Jeff and Wading River. Blues from two to three pounds are mixed in along the beaches and some small pockets of 7-8 lb. blues are scattered offshore. Some weakfish are being caught at Oldfield, Cranes Neck

and Mt. Misery Shoals. A 5½ lb. fluke was taken out at buoy 11 by Ken Nagy. Larry Pfister won the Bass Masters Tourny this weekend with a 4 lb. 12 oz. largemouth bass taken in the Peconic River.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Dick's Sporting Goods reports blacks and porgies can be caught in the sound. Blowfish made an appearance at Cedar Beach and many puffers were taken. Weakfish are being caught at buoy 11 on squid. Fluke can also be caught in the buoy 11 area.

PORT JEFFERSON

Caraftis Fishing Station reports that Steven Peoutas did well trolling for blues in the buoy 9 and 11 area. These blues ranged from 2-3 lbs. and on Saturday Steve took 112 blues and 75 more on Sunday. The bluefish are being caught on umbrellas, Scotty rigs and diamond jigs with small hooks. Fluke are east and west of buoy 11 and can be caught on sand eels and squid. Weakfishing was good on Thursday and Friday at buoy 11 and inshore off buoy 9. Porgy fishing is good right outside of Mt. Sinai inlet, off Mt. Misery Point and on the west side of Oldfield Point on sandworms and skimmers.

The **Betty W** called in to report that porgy fishing was good. This past week saw 40-60 fish per person. Moses Jefferson was this week's high hook with 87 porgies. On Saturday, the **Betty W** took 700 porgies for 25 passengers while the **Janet C** also had porgies and 20 weaks to 10 lbs. On Sunday, fishing was slow most of the day but on the beginning of the outgoing tide, the Betty W and Janet C began to catch porgies in the one-two lb. range. All hands had good numbers of fish and some fluke were mixed in.

KINGS PARK

Bob at **Mae's Way Fishing Station** reports excellent porgy fishing over the weekend. Everyone that fished for this species wound up with a respectable catch. The porgies are in about 20 feet of water from Mackmah Beach to Sunken Meadow Beach and are taking sandworms, skimmers or squid in about that order of preference. Scattered catches of fluke, blackfish, weakfish and an occasional small bluefish spice up the action. It was a good week for the younger set. On Wednesday, two-and-a-half-year-old Teddy Kazimeroff cast a Hopkins on four pound test Ande line inside the mouth of the Nissequogue River and was rewarded with a 6½ pound bass. He did it by himself, his proud father reported. On Saturday, 6-year-old John Finneran in a rental skiff with his dad caught a 4 lb. weakfish on a squid strip at Callahan's Beach. Also at Callahan's, George Klinger of Smithtown boated a fluke that tipped the scales at 8½ lbs. This fish hit a sandworm.

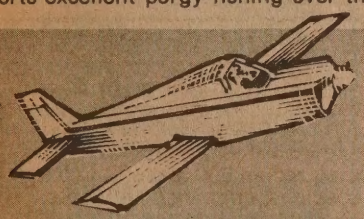
Don Keefe of Huntington Sta., with a 9½ lb. weakfish taken at the mouth of the Nissequogue River, on a Hi-Lo rig with sandworms and squid. Photo courtesy of Ronnie's Bait and Tackle.

NORTHPORT

In last week's report from **Chain Locker**, it was erroneously reported that four bass of fifty pounds were taken. Needless to say, poor Fred has received a lot of ribbing. Only one bass of 50 pounds was taken. Sorry, Fred

Moving on to this past weekend, bass and blues have been hitting at dusk approximately 400 yards off beach at Callahan's, Makamah, and Crab Meadow. The fish have been taking Rebels, White Pulsating Pussycats, and Creek Chub lures on top. Those drifting worms among surfacing fish were also getting hits. Mixed in with bass were nice size weakfish that somehow are still around. There's porgy action at the following areas: buoy 4 off Sand City, on worms, and off the Sound, in 30 feet of water, from Sunken Meadow all the way to Ashoroken. Bass are also being taken off Eaton's Neck Point by clam chummers and wire liners on umbrellas. Large fluke are being taken in the same orders off Callahan and Makamah as the blue and striper action. Fluke was taken around buoy 13 off Eaton's Neck and at Diamond Point at the entrance to Oyster Bay. One, taken 400 yards off Makamah Beach, weighed 7 pounds. Marshall Fields to Target Rock area produces bass, but with great difficulty due to many lobster pots.

Tom at **Bowman's Sporting Goods** said there was some very hot bass action off Marshall Field. A good number of fish from 30 to 50 pounds were taken on spinners and worms or clam chumming. There's also some fish off Little Neck Point and Eaton's Neck. Small blues are out around the loading platform, but some bigger fish have been hitting the beaches at Mackimar, Ashroken and Sand City. The best fluke fishing is 600-700 yards offshore on the East Bar of



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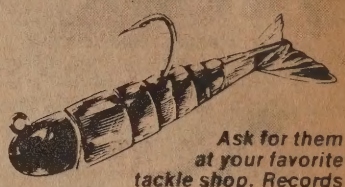

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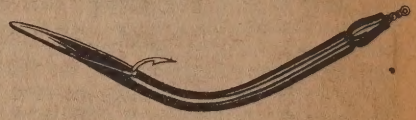

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CITY ISLAND

Jack's Bait & Tackle said there were a lot of sand porgies around. Blackfishing is good and there's plenty of school bass. However, no big fish have been taken. Weakfish are scattered around. Blues from 5-8 pounds were reported off Fort Totten and Stepping Stone Light. This is early for blues. Usually the fish are only up around Hempstead. There's quite a bit of blasting going on around Huckleberry Island and people are figuring this is keeping fish on the move. One indication if the porgy fishing, which is usually good, but lately the fish are sure moving around a lot.

GROTON CONN.

Dottie at **Ken's Tackle** said the fluke fishing was OK at Isabella and Montauk. Not many bluefish reported from the Race. Porgy fishing is good near buoy 26. Blackfishing is excellent in all the rocky areas. No bunker or fluke in the river though there is some kind of bait fish around that nobody seems to know just what it is. Bass fishing is just fair, with most fish taken under 30 pounds.

Capt. George Glas said that Robert Salg used his gift certificate that his wife gave him to go fishing over the weekend. He took his son along. In addition to getting the gift trip from his wife, Bob won first prize in the pool, while Bob, Jr., won second place. Unfortunately, the two fellows who came in first and second for the weekly award forgot to enter their full address on their tickets. The first place went to Andy Kramer from Savannah, Ga., with a six pound fluke. Second place went to Joseph DeCamillo from Derby, Ct., with a 5-3/4 pounder. If you know either of these two people, please have them contact Capt. Glas. Remember, fill out your full address so you can be sure of getting your prize if you get the biggest fish. Overall fluking has been good on some days, but just passing on others. Even on the bad days, though, people have been taking home a few fish.

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THUR	12:55	1:32	1:30	2:12	1:09	2:00	2:22	3:07	4:00	4:34	4:28	5:00	12:35	1:27	6/23
FRI	1:48	2:28	2:25	3:11	1:57	2:50	3:20	4:03	4:55	5:27	5:23	5:55	1:31	2:20	6/24
SAT	2:48	3:25	3:21	4:08	2:55	3:46	4:21	4:59	5:54	6:27	6:22	6:52	2:28	3:19	6/25
SUN	3:48	4:23	4:23	5:08	4:00	4:51	5:24	5:56	6:56	7:30	7:23	7:49	3:34	4:24	6/26
MON	4:49	5:19	5:26	6:06	5:15	5:54	6:24	6:50	8:04	8:33	8:23	8:47	4:42	5:25	6/27
TUE	5:47	6:15	6:28	7:03	6:23	6:55	7:22	7:44	9:16	9:39	9:23	9:45	5:51	6:23	6/28
WED	6:42	7:09	7:26	7:57	7:24	7:51	8:18	8:39	10:24	10:43	10:19	10:38	6:50	7:19	6/29
THUR	7:36	8:01	8:24	8:51	8:21	8:42	9:13	9:28	11:28	11:41	11:15	11:32	7:45	8:09	6/30

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To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

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Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
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Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
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Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	— 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	— 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	[illegible]
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

6/5	5:25	8:32
6/10	5:24	8:35
6/15	5:24	8:37
6/20	5:24	8:39
6/25	5:25	8:40
6/30	5:27	8:40

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
6/16	6/24	6/1	6/8

The Original Knight
SOLUNAR TABLES
When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
THURS.	10:50	**4:50**	11:00	**5:15**
FRI.	11:30	**5:45**	11:50	**6:10**
SAT.	—	**6:30**	12:25	**6:55**
SUN.	12:30	**7:15**	1:10	**7:45**
MON.	1:25	**8:05**	2:00	**8:35**
TUES.	2:15	**9:00**	2:50	**9:30**
WED.	3:10	**10:00**	3:45	**10:30**
THURS.	4:10	**10:55**	4:45	**11:25**

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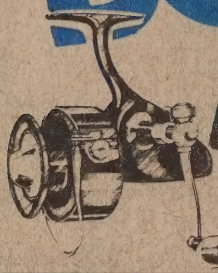

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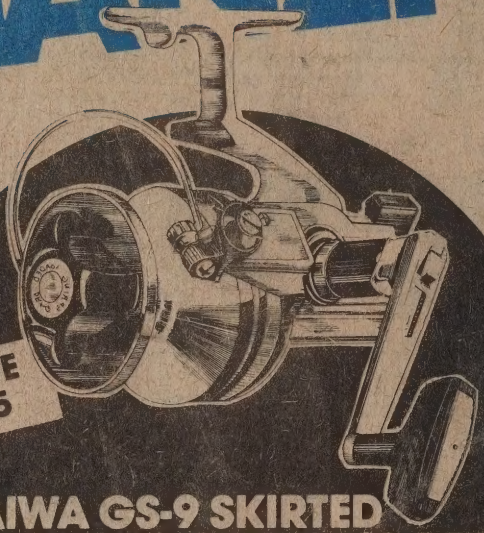

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